Fraternity System "Democracy

Post, Washington D.C.

Mr. Balfour's statement in his letter of May 8 that "the college fraternity is basically the most democratic type of American life" is pure hogwash. 5-15-46

I have lived in the home of my social fraternity on three campuses. I enjoyed being a fraternity man and living in my fraternity houses—but the last thing I would ever say about college fraternities is that they are democratic.

The fraternities in my alma mater constituted about 20 per cent of the student body, yet "we" controlled most of the campus elections by means of an inter-fraternity society composed of two members from each fraternity. We believed in giving the "barbs" (barbarians) a representation. We elected two of them as members of our organization—two "barbs" to represent 80 per cent of the student body and 24 fraternity men to represent 20 per cent. That was our idea of democracy.

I've seen newly pledged fraternity men, at the behest of their brothers, drop the non-fraternity women they had been dating and eschew the company of their former non-fraternity men friends. I've known sorority women who did all this and with more alacrity.

I've seen prospective members of my own fraternity refused a bid because one member complained of their "high-water pants."

I had two good friends in college, one a Boer from South Africa the other, a native of Chile. I invited both to my fraternity house—introduced them to the brothers and later proposed them for membership. Both were turned down, primarily because they were "foreigners." One negative vote is all that is needed to turn the trick.

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I've seen lifetime heartbreaks result from fraternity snubs of rushees who were rushed violently and then dropped cold. I've seen other duller heartaches, perhaps by those who never were considered or rushed.

"Fraternities," says Mr. Balfour, "believe in democracy, in tolerance, and in the dignity of personal worth which leaves no room for discrimination on the basis of accidents of birth or belief."

"No room for discrimination," Mr. Balfour, except as it might be administered by one prejudiced member who can anonymously blackball a prospective member against the wishes of all the rest of the fraternity members.

As for me, I'm amazed that Alpha Xi Delta at the University of Vermont would elect to membership a member of the Negro race. I'm amazed that the sorority contains not one prejudiced member to administer the one blackball needed to keep out such a prospective member. 5-15-46

I hope members of the Vermont chapter have the courage to give up their national charter rather than to rescind their invitation to membership. But the pressure of the national organization can be tremendous. C. R. F. SMITH.

Arlington, Va. Wednesday

The appeal of fraternity or sorority membership is not the appeal of democratic living, but the appeal of snobbism. The potential member, if he has a choice, chooses the group which has the highest social standing; this is particularly true of sororities.

I cannot reconcile Mr. Balfour's statements that "fraternities believe . . . in the dignity of human worth which leaves no room for discrimination on the basis of accidents of birth or belief," with the fact that most college social sororities and at least some fraternities have definite rules forbidding the pledging of girls of non-Christian, non-white origin.

ANABELL WINN.

Washington.

Lawrence H. Lightner, Former Texan, Named Woodmen Head

The Informer Houston, Texas
Sat. 10-5-46

HOUSTON.—Lawrence H. Lightner, unanimously re-elected for the fourth time as Supreme Commander of the American Woodmen, an out-standing legal reserve fraternal life insurance association, is a former Texan.

Commander Lightner, who now lives in Denver, Colorado, was born in Hearne, Texas, educated in the public schools of Marlin, Texas, graduated from Samuel Huston college and spent several years as a teacher in various public schools and colleges of Texas.

Advancing rapidly under his able leadership, the American Woodmen have increased their membership from a total of 40,341 with a coverage of $17,553,466 in 1941, to a total of 57,638 with a coverage of $25,298,723 in 1946.

Houstonians occupying positions of distinction in the association are J. E. Robinson, vice supreme commander, and Mrs. A. A. Carter, one of three field supervisors who received special prizes at the 1946 convention for membership increases. Miss Willie Mae Davis, also a Houstonian and clerk of local camp 153, has been given a niche in the American Woodmen's Hall of Fame for her outstanding work with the association.

The Informer
Texans who played conspicuous parts in the '46 convention held in Denver, Colorado were Vice Supreme Commander J. E. Robinson, Mrs. Fannie Robinson, financial secretary of the Court of Calanthe of Texas; Dr. B. J. Covington, Houston Dr. B. E. Howell, Mrs. V. A. Bradford, grand worthy counselor of Court of Calanthe of Texas, both of Dallas; Miss Allie Fay Smith, Austin, winner of the $500 scholarship award (first prize of oratorical contest), and Lawrence Oliver, Victoria, winner of $250 scholarship award (second prize of oratorical contest).

Texas was prominently represented at the August convention by having the largest delegation attending, by the submission of 578 applications for membership and reporting a protection of $194,650.

Houston, Tex

Texans Who Have Died

Below is a list of the names of American Woodmen of Texas who have died and the names of their beneficiaries. The association is very anxious to pay these claims, therefore anyone knowing these beneficiaries will do them a real service by sending in to the Informer their names and present addresses. The public's cooperation will be greatly appreciated. They are as follows: Insured, Ara Richardson, Camp No. 3 Austin, beneficiary, Thos. Richardson; insured, Lena Nelson, Camp 20 Brenham, beneficiary, Allen Nelson insured, Manuel Kitchen, Camp 74 Corsicana, beneficiaries, Isabell and Tamia Kitchen; insured, Margaret Briscoe, Camp 86, Dallas, beneficiary, Emmett Briscoe; insured, William Coates, Camp 89, Cleburne beneficiary, Emma Christian; insured, Mary Mazone, Camp 90 Roxton, beneficiaries, Greely, Right Washington, and L. D. Franklin; insured, James Long, Camp 137, Eagle Lake, beneficiary, Ben Long; insured, Willie Cox, Camp 208 Texarkana, beneficiary, Buta Streeter. insured, Archie Holland Camp 242, Elmina, beneficiary, Mary Ross; insured, Allen Johnson, Camp 254; Dayton, beneficiary, Charley Johnson.

Sat. 10-5-46

Woodmen Again Name Lightner

The Courier Pittsburgh, Pa.
Sat 8-24-46

DENVER, Colo. — Highlight of the eleventh quadrennial meeting of the Supreme Camp of the American Woodmen, held here last week, was the attendance of the largest number of delegates in the fraternity's history and the unanimous re-election of Lawrence H. Lightner, Denver, as supreme commander of the organization.

Mr. Lightner has served in this capacity for thirteen years, and as supreme clerk for nearly twenty-five years.

With a present membership of 56,346, reports show that since 1933 to this year there has been a gain of 21,066 members under the administration of Commander Lightner.

Besides the welcoming speech by B. W. Goodman, St. Louis, Mo., following the re-election of Mr. Lightner, speeches were made by W. C. Patton, Birmingham, Ala.; Mrs. F. A. Robinson, Houston, Texas; N. S. Atkinson, Kansas City, Kan., and J. H. Allen, St. Louis

Other officers re-elected were: Mrs. M. I. Smith-Morgan, supreme clerk; J. E. Robinson, vice commander, Houston, Texas; J. W. Haywood, Atlanta, Ga., supreme banker; E. E. Carrington, Detroit, Mich., supreme auditor; E. R. Randall, Orlando, Fla., supreme escort; Oscar Maxwell, Americus, Ga., supreme watchman; L. L. Haynes, New Orleans, La., supreme prelate, and J. W. Allen, St. Louis, Mo., member at large.

One of the highlights of the welcome program was the presentation made by N. K. Williams, Chicago, Ill., of a citation to Supreme Commander L. H. Lightner from President Harry Truman for meritorious achievement and conservatory program as executive of the American Woodmen.

Large Delegation Attends American Woodmen Meeting

The Informer Houston, Texas
Sat. 8-17-46

By AARON JEFFERSON

DENVER COLO.—The Eleventh Supreme Camp session of the American Woodman opened Sunday August 11, with the memorial service at Shorter AME church Washington and 23rd streets. An excellent program of sacred songs and organ music was rendered. The memorial address was delivered by the Rev. L. L. Haynes, D. D. New Orleans, supreme Prelate. In no uncertain terms he explained our duty to the living and the dead. The business session opened Monday at 9:00 a.m. with supreme Commander Lawrence H. Lightner presiding.

On roll call there were more than 600 delegates representing camps throughout the jurisdiction.

The Honorable Luke J. Kavanaugh, commissioner of Insurance for the State of Colorado delivered an address to delegates, members of the supreme camp and visitors. The address was very inspiring and interesting which showed the high per centage of solvency maintained by The American Woodmen Fraternal organization. The commissioner also told the delegates that they were exceptionally fortunate in having the type of dependable and efficient officers they have at the head of their organization. The report of the committee on credentials was adopted and the more than 600 delegates were seated and the convention settled down to the business of the accumulation of five years.

On Monday night at the Shorter AME church the delegates and visitors were welcomed to the city of Denver and the State of Colorado. Those delivering welcome addresses were on behalf of the citizens the Rev. W. T. Liggins; on behalf of the city of Denver Mayor Benjamin F. Stapleton and the Honorable William E. Higby, Lieutenant Governor. The response was given by Supervisor, M. K. Duke.

More than 3000 attended each of the public meetings. It looked on Saturday as though all roads of the nation lead to Denver as the several special trains arrived at the Union station. There were hundreds of other representatives and visitors arriving by bus, cars, and regular trains.

The Texas special was the last, arriving about eleven p.m. Satur-

day. It may be a little early to predict that all will be well with all incumbents. There is some talk of the Supreme Clerk having opposition; nothing of importance has developed and there seems to be no strong candidates mentioned that would accentuate the possibility of even giving the incumbent a race worth while. The Supreme Commender will have no contestant. There is some talk of rejuvenating the Uniform Rank. A successor to the late Dr. McKinney, medical examiner will be selected at this meeting. J. E. Robinson, Houston vice supreme commander will not have an opponent. The Informer

Africa Knights, Daughters Hold 39th Convention

Defender
Chicago, Ill.
Sat. 8-17-46

The Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa opened their 39th annual session, which will continue through Aug. 10 at 5057 Indiana ave., Thursday.

Judge Crittenden E. Clark of St. Louis is national grand master and presiding officer of the convention. Mrs. Ozella H. Porterfield, St. Louis, is grand secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Mary W. Smith is state grand queen of Illinois.

Following the first session a reception was given grand officers and delegates at Allen Temple AME Church, 30th and Dearborn sts. Among the participants were Atty. William Temple, Golden B. Darby, consultant director, South Side Committee; and the J. M. Evans Quartet, with Marion Chinn, pianist.

A carnival soiree will be held at the Elks Rest, 4006 Indiana ave., Saturday evening. The juvenile children rendered a program for the visitors Friday afternoon.

Tuskegee Elks Elect Perdue To Head Lodge

1-5-46

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — Walter Perdue was unanimously reelected exalted ruler of the Booker T. Washington Lodge No. 762 of Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World at the election of officers held here last week.

O. E. Safford of Montgomery, deputy exalted ruler, conducted the impressive installation ceremony. Also elected and installed were Roscoe Byrd, esteemed leading knight; Charles L. Turner, esteemed loyal knight; Howard Moultrie, esteemed lecturing knight; Marshall Fletcher, esquire; Claude Ammons, inner guard; Otis Chaney, tiler; George L. Carter, treasurer, reelected; Larry Robinson, secretary, reelected. 1-5-46

G. H. Lewis, Harold C. Saunders and G. H. Johnson was named trustees. Amos Armstrong was appointed master of social session.

CHARITABLE MISSION

The annual charitable mission was undertaken by the lodge during the Christmas season and the membership voted a substantial contribution to the Booker T. Washington Memorial Fund.

The exalted ruler announced that plans are being made for the annual Elks oratorical contest and education program, stating that students expecting to participate have begun to enroll.

Work will begin on the erection of a beautiful Elks Home as soon as restrictions are removed from certain building materials, the exalted ruler revealed. 1-5-46

Negro Order Of Elks Elects Local Delegate

The Times Birmingham, Ala.

James E. Kelly, of Birmingham, was one of seven national officers elected last night by the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, Negro order, which concluded its convention at Buffalo, N. Y. Thurs 8-30-46

At the same time, J. Finley Wilson, of Washington, publisher of The Washington Eagle, declared after his election to the 25th consecutive term as exalted ruler that the order "will concentrate on gaining civil liberties and human rights for the Negro and bringing about extinction of the Ku Klux Klan."

MME. B. L. VANCE, beautician, church, fraternal and social worker, has just returned to the city after a business and vacation trip that took her to Buffalo, N. Y.; Atlantic City, Philadelphia, Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee and Nashville, Tenn. Birmingham, Ala.

She was delegate to the grand temple Daughter Elks where she was awarded for exceptional services rendered in the civil liberties department; the Imperial Council Daughters of Isis, and the United Beauty School of Owners and Teachers Association where she became affiliated with the Alpha Phi Omega Sorority. News Age-Herald

The Elks, in 47th annual convention, endorsed the entire report of the health commission of the order, which is headed by Dr. Carter Marshall, of Connecticut, including a gift of three iron lungs to hospitals. They are Provident, Chicago; Homer G. Phillips, St. Louis, and Flint Goodridge, New Orleans. Sun. 7-22-

Last year the Elks gave an iron lung to Meharry College and also to Howard University, which is now at Freedman's Hospital.

The first Sunday in April will be observed annually by the order as national Elks' Health Day.

Elks Oppose Klan, Communism To Help Army In Recruiting

Birmingham News—Age Herald

Opposition to the Ku Klux Klan and communism and acceptance of a program to help the Army recruit 500,000 men for a permanent force, were among the decisions of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at a recent convention in New York, Gus T. Gulas, exalted ruler of Birmingham Lodge No. 79, reported today following his return from the conclave.

Mr. Gulas said the 78-year-old organization now has 830,000 members and 1,470 lodges, and that during the war it maintained 155 fraternal centers in large cities for members of the armed forces.

Its war activities included the recruitment of 1,500 nurses, an uncounted number of Seabees and maintenance of recreation centers for men in uniform. In the Elks Fraternal Center in New York, Mr. Gulas said, 1,000,000 service men were entertained and 84,980 were furnished sleeping accommodations during the war. Birmingham Ala

A more recent activity, reported at the convention, was the establishment by Texas lodges of a hospital for crippled children.

Charles E. Broughton, of Sheboygan, Wis., was chosen as grand exalted ruler, succeeding Wade W. Kepner, Wheeling, W. Va. Mr. Broughton appointed Frank B. Lemont, 2601 21st Street, Ensley, as his personal representative and district deputy grand exalted ruler for Alabama, South, as a successor to Maurice E. Walsh, of Birmingham. Charles E. Shaver, of Huntsville, was appointed by Mr. Broughton to be district deputy for Alabama, North. Sun. 7-28-46

Delegates at the convention numbered 2,320. Those from Birmingham were Mr. and Mrs. Gulas, John F. Antwine, secretary of the Birmingham lodge, and Mrs. Antwine; Mr. Walsh, and Fred C. Hahn, past exalted ruler.

The 1947 convention will be held in Portland, Ore.

Suspended Lodge

The suit was brought by Arthur Brisbane, deposed ruler; Albert H. McTair, Charles T. Nurse and Ernest Rogers. The defendants are the lodge, John A. Driver, its ruler; Frank S. Wethrington, secretary; Henry E. L. Latrielle, treasurer, and J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler.

Mr. Wilson suspended Imperial Lodge in February because of alleged violations of the rules of the order requiring a lodge to hold its property in the fraternal name. It was reinstated on Aug. 19.

VOTE SUPPORT OF ANTI-LYNCH LEGISLATION

The Chronicle Detroit, Mich. Sat. 9-7-46

BUFFALO, N. Y. — Endorsing anti-lynching legislation to combating the current reign of terror against Negroes in southern states, and appropriating $3,000 to help elect J. Finley Wilson as a New York state senator, the 47th annual convention of the Improved and Protective Order of Elks came to a close here this week.

Wilson was unanimously elected as grand exalted ruler for the 26th consecutive time.

$140,000 Balance

Although a serious fight had been anticipated for the office of treasurer, vacated by the death of Judge Edward H. Henry of Philadelphia, Dr. Marc A. Wheatland, Camden, N. J., physician, was elected to the office without stiff opposition.

James E. Kelly of Birmingham, Ala., was re-elected grand secretary. Acting as grand treasurer since the death of Judge Henry, Kelly reported a treasury balance of $140,000.

Key to the city was extended to 25,000 Elks, representing 25 states, by Mayor Dowd in the welcome address. He assured Elks that "bigotry and race prejudice" are detested in Buffalo. "Buffalo is in good stead as to race, color and creed," Dowd said.

Next Largest Parade

About 20,000 Elks, Daughter Elks and Junior Elks marched, danced and rode through the streets of Buffalo last Tuesday. Police Commissioner Thomas J. McMahon gave "a conservative estimate" of the number of spectators who lined the curb along the route of march as 150,000. He said the parade was "next to the NRA parade seven years ago as being the largest ever held here."

Hundreds of policemen had been placed along the line of march. White spectators expressed amazement to see delegates from faraway cities like Los Angeles, Seattle, Wash., Atlanta, Ga., Cambridge, Mass., and Nassau, Bahamas.

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AFRO-American Baltimore, Md.

WASHINGTON.

The fate of more than 1800 Elks of New York will be decided by a committee of five, headed by J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler, within a few weeks.

At the annual Grand Lodge session in Philadelphia last August, Imperial Lodge No. 127, New York City, and Brooklyn Lodge No. 32 were suspended indefinitely by Mr. Wilson, following a directive by that body. 2-2-46

The suspension affected Joseph Brown, second in command to Wilson, a former exalted ruler of Imperial Lodge, and many other grand lodge officers. 3-2-46

Appeal Entered

Last month at a meeting of the executive committee of the New York State Convention, a resolution to "break" away from the grand because of its "interference" was allegedly adopted. The New York lodges appealed to the grand lodge trial committee to reverse the suspension and must act within the next fifteen days. Perry Howard, grand legal advisor, said the N.Y. State committee acted without authority.

Deposed Elks' Motion Denied

The Afro-American Baltimore, Md.

NEW YORK—(NNPA)—Justice Ferdinand Pecora of the State Supreme Court last Wednesday denied the motion of suspended members of Imperial Lodge of Elks No. 127 to restrain officers of the reinstated faction from taking over property of the lodge.

The case will be heard next month. Justice Pecora indicated on Sept. 4 that he would turn the property over to the reinstated members if differences could not be settled. Sat. 10-26-46

Elks

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$140,000 Balance

A balance of $140,000 was re-ported by the acting grand treasurer, and the convention voted an appropriation of $3,000 toward the campaign expenditures of the grand exalted ruler who is a can-didate for the New York State senate in November.

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Awards were made Aug. 28 at Memorial Auditorium to the best band, the best drum corps, the best marching unit, and the best float.

Field Day for All

Food in the colored community cost twice as much as in the white areas. Whereas white bars charged but 25 and 20 cents for beer, 50 cents for a "shot" of whiskey, and 75 cents for a fried chicken, prices for these same items were either doubled or much higher when bought at colored establishments.

It was a field day for pickpockets, "confidence" men, promoters of "three-card Monte," souvenir hawkers, and American and Canadian "ladies of the night."

Edgar G. Brown, director, National Negro Council, had a delegation of Boy Scouts and other volunteer solicitors securing petitioners along the parade route for passage of the Federal anti-lynching bill, and the ousting of Senator Bilbo from Congress.

Mrs. Elizabeth R. Gordon, Washington, D.C., was re-elceted grand daughter ruler of the grand temple; Mrs. Mattie Robbins, NYC, vice grand daughter ruler; Mrs. Daisy Harris, Richmond, Va., assistant grand ruler; Mrs. Nettie Jackson, Staten Island, N.Y., grand chaplain; Mrs. Beuna K. Berry, Norfolk, Va., grand financial secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Kimbrough, Brooklyn, N.Y., grand treasurer; Mrs. Katie Steele, Chicago, grand recorder.

Past grand exalted rulers who received special degrees for 20 years' service were Eugene Sorrell, Los Angeles; James T. Cooper, Chicago; Mark Cooper, NYC; Judge Heuston and Perry Howard.

Dolores Parker, 17, New Haven, Conn., won the annual oratorical contest, Aug. 26, before a capacity audience of 2,500 in the Kleinhaus Music Hall. She received $150 in cash and a trophy from Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson.

The runner-up was Miss Muriel Green, Birmingham, Ala. Other contestants were Frances Duncan, Atlanta; Wayne Roberts, Lansing, Mich.; Nathaniel Huff, Baltimore; Mattie Scott, Phoenix, Ariz.; and Willard Vann Jr., Tulsa, Okla. All received checks for $100 from Judge William C. Hueston, grand commissioner of education.

The seven contestants, all high school seniors under 19 years, had previously won $1000 Elk scholarships in regional contests.

Contest judges were William Bryant, 18, last year's winner and recipient of the $4,000 scholarship for oratory at Northwestern University; Charles Howard, Iowa attorney and publisher; and Samuel Mitchell, New York City.

Birmingham, Ala., News
Aug. 27, 1940

Local Girl Second In Negro Elks Event

A Birmingham girl took second place in the national oratorical contest of the civil liberties department of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World at the national convention of the Negro organization at Buffalo, N. Y., last night.

An Associated Press dispatch stated that the Negro organization, which had about 20,000 delegates in attendance, adopted a resolution urging that "steps be taken" to deny seats in the next Congress to Sen. Theodore Bilbo and Rep. John Rankin, of Mississippi.

Charles P. Howard, of Des Moines, Iowa, assistant grand legal adviser of the organization, said the department's resolution stated:

"Bilbo and Rankin have made campaign speeches urging that Negroes be kept from voting even if it were necessary to resort to violence. They have called on the citizens to disregard the constitution of our country and decisions of the Supreme Court.

"We feel that these men are not fit persons to take the oath to uphold the constitution and urge that steps be taken to deny them seats in the next Congress."

The Birmingham girl who was runner-up in the national oratorical contest is Muriel Green, 17. Delores Parker, 17, of New Haven, Conn., won first place.

Oscar W. Adams, Ala. Fraternal Leader, Dies

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Oscar William Adams, widely known fraternal leader, newspaperman and resident of this city since 1906, is dead. His death was attributed to a heart attack.

Adams, who founded the Birmingham Reporter 30 years ago, was born in Gulf Crest, Ala., in October 24, 1882. He came here 40 years ago. He was graduated from the A. and M. College of Normal, Ala., in 1906.

Engaged in broad fraternal activities, Adams was grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias; member of the Masonic Lodge with the 33rd degree, and member of the Elks and Odd Fellow organizations.

An ardent participant in civic and educational affairs, Adams was a trustee at Lomax Hannon College, Greenville, Ala.; director, Acme Finance Corporation; member executive board, Tuggle Institute, Birmingham, and member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

He was for 28 years columnist for the Birmingham News, white newspaper, writing on "What Negroes Are Doing."

Oscar Adams is survived by his widow, two sons and two half-brothers.

L. L. Lockhart Elected Grand Master Of F. And A. M.

FORT WORTH.—The most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. and A. M. of Texas and jurisdiction with the Grand Chapter of Eastern Star and the Grand Court of the Heroines of Jericho assembled in the City of Fort Worth and elected L. L. Lockhart of Houston as grand master thus creating a new day in the history of Texas for the F. and A. M 609 Lodges enroll with 17,001, members $273,500 Assets cash brought forward $69,818.24. Total cash and assets, $421,841.80. Number of deaths two hundred and sixty. Amount paid each beneficiary, $789-.91. Sixty past Masters with a large number of visiting members filled the large auditorium in the East of the Masonic Mosque.

Grand Lodge Officers Elected

Grand Master, L. L. Lockhart; Deputy Grand Master, J. T. Maxey; Grand Senior Warden, J. H. Lockhart; Grand Junior warden, Charles Randolph; Grand Treasurer, A. H Hollie; Grand secretary, L. M. Maddox; Grand Chaplain, Rev. E. H. Branch; Grand Lectuer, B. Smeed and Grand Tyler, Dr. E. P. Heagan.

Appointed Officers

Senior Grand deacon, Earnest Wishy; Junior Grand deacon, L. R. Reed; Senior Grand steward; D. Prof. Johnson, of Longview. Junior Grand Steward, Kyle Blair; Grand Marshall, O. B Shelby; Assistant Grand Marshall James Scott; Grand Pursuivant, W. H. Smith; Grand Sword Bearer, Gilbert Jackson; Grand Standard Bearer, J. H. Moore; Grand Organist, Arthur Miner; Honorable, W. M. McDonald, of his own volition retired, but will assist the Grand secretary and Grand treasurer until they become conversion with their duties. The Grand master was installed and inducted in to office by Prof. C. H. Hogan, of Brenham, Texas. Grand Master L. L. Lockhart, installed the other Grand Lodge officers.

Grand Chapter Of The Eastern Star

Mrs. C. H. Ellis, Grand matron, Mrs. E. E. Burnett, Grand secretary, Fiscal year May 16, 1945, to May 15, 1946. Money collected ready relief $98.444.40. Revnue Fund, $20.788-.45. Youths Charity fund, $381,17, income plus the balance brought forward $265,056.83, United States Government Bonds $33,300, Total assets $243,725.76. New members made during the year, 3,734. Total membership, 20,292. Men 617, Youths 2,486. Women 15,189

Grand Officers Elected

Prof. C. H. Hogan, Grand patron; Mrs. C. H. Ellis, Grand matron; Prof. T. W. Pratt, Associated Grand patron; Mrs. E. M. Scott, Associated Grand matron; Mrs. E. E. Burnett, Grand secretary; Mrs. B. J. Goins, Grand Treasurer; Miss E. M. Wemms, Grand auditor; Mrs. A. B. Thomas, member of the Board of Directors; Mrs. T. M. Watts; member of the Board Directors. Mrs. A. O. Kitchen, Grand conductress and Mrs. R. L. Easter, Associated Grand conductress.

Points Of The Star

Mrs. Estella Carr, Grand Adah; Mrs. Mable Reeves, Grand Ruth; Mrs. Ivory Williams, Grand Esther; Mrs. Della Phillips, Grand Martha; Mrs. Tula A. Smith, Grand Elects; Mrs. R. M. Bryant, Grand chaplain; Mrs. D. B. McBay, Grand Musical directress; Mrs. D T Duvall, Grand Marshall; Mrs. R. E. Hall, Grand Sentinel; Mrs. M E. Kilgore; Grand Lecturer In the West; Mrs. L. T. Bennet, Grand Lecturer in the North; Mrs. H. P. Gibson, Grand Lecturer in the South.

Grand Court Heroines Of Jericho

Mrs. R. A. Winn, Grand Matron; Mrs. N. S. Mosley; Grand secretary. Total members, 14,520. Total collection for the year $123,975.73. Grand Palace Children of Masons juvenile department number of members 3,676. Collected for the year $7,803.24. Total for the year all funds $44,887.23. Grand total of members Heroines and children 20,095 Mrs. P. J. Cook, Grand mother Mary, and Mrs. P. V. Walker, Grand secretary.

Grand Court Officers Elected

Mrs. R. A. Winn, Grand matron; Mrs. R. L Lee, Deputy Grand matron; Mrs. E. J. Johnson, Junior Grand matron; Mrs. G. M. Barnum, Grand secretary; Mrs. O. V. E. Bartlett, Grand recorder; Mrs. A. B. I. Estelle, Grand Treasurer; Mrs. E. M. Ratcliff, Grand outer gate keeper; Mrs. M. E Martin and Mrs. R. A. Reed, Grand auditors; Mrs. L. S. Armbus and Mrs L .M. Dennis, on Foreign Correspondence. W. M. McDonald, Grand Joshua, Mrs. R. L. Isaacs, Deputy Grand Joshua; Grand Court directors: James Huntter, Wm. Ponder and Dan Johnson. Mrs. R. E. Gipson, Senior Grand attendant; Mrs. A E. Johnson, Grand Junior attendant: Mrs. S. E. V. Evans, chairman of the Charity fund: Mrs. L. O Dubose, chairman of program; Mrs. A. B. Gunter, Musical directress; and Mrs. P. V Walker, editress of Heroine Quarterly.

Juvenile Department

Grand Father Joshua, W. M. Mc Donald; Grand Mother Mary, Mrs P. J Cook; Grand secretary, Mrs E. C Coleman. After the public installation each department returned into their hall and called off until 1947.

Knights Of Peter Claver Have Rift Over Election In Chicago

Globe Nashville, Tenn.
Fri. 8-16-46

Chicago—(ANP)— The 31st Annual Convention of the Knights of St. Peter Claver and the ladies auxiliary was held here Aug. 5-8, marking the first time in the order's history that the convention was held north of the Mason-Dixon line. Host to the meet were the councils and courts of Chicago, representing 500 of the national order's 9,000 members.

The historic convention opened Tuesday, Aug. 6, with a Pontificial High Mass celebrated by Samuel Cardinal Stritch of Chicago in the beautiful Corpus Christi church. Among the 1,600 delegates and visitors were several Negro priests, the Rev. Frs. Grancis G. Wade, S. V. D., national chaplain; Austin Chachera, Anthony C. Bourges, S. V. D.; and Norman Duckette, who assisted the cardinal in the ceremony.

Following the mass a breakfast was served the delegates at Corpus Christi center. Then the business session opened. By far the most interesting was the election of national officers Thursday night. At this point of the convention, Roland J. Sibrie, northern district president and general chairman of the convention, announced before the assembly that the Chicago delegation was displeased with the manner in which the election was being conducted and the entire delegation withdrew from the convention. They were followed by the delegations from Detroit and Flint, Mich., and Kansas City, Mo. It was later learned that the northern district intends to ask for a recall because of certain irregularities in the election.

Newly elected officers are supreme knight J. Roland Lafayette, La.; deputy supreme knight J. Wallace James, Lafayette, La. financial secretary, H. H. Dusau New Orleans and treasurer, H. J Christophe, New Orleans.

The order, which is national was founded in 1909 in Mobile, Ala., by the Society of St. Joseph of the Sacred Cocur, generally known as the Josephite Fathers, and chartered in 1911. Names for its patron saint, St. Peter Claver who was canonized because of his outstanding work for humanity in many provinces of West Indies and Central America, the Catholic fraternal benefit society seeks to establish social justice in the country, render mutual aid to its members and do a vast amount of charity work. Drawing most of its strength from Louisiana Texas Mississippi and Indiana, the order has 4,300 male and 4,700 female members.

The Rev. Fr. Claver is said to have baptized 40,000 slaves in addition to his well-known works of charity and great sacrifices in the tropics and stands out pre-eminently as one of the most pious and devoted prelates of the Catholic Church. A Jesuit (Society of Jesus) priest, he was born of a rich and noble Spanish family. His guide and friend, Alphonse Rodriguez, directed the youth along the paths of sanctity.

Several Josephite priests petitioned the Very Rev. Justin McCarthy, superior general of the order, in the beginning of the 20th century, for permission and financial aid to foster the fraternal order. The superior then sought and received the consent of Bishop Allen of the Mobile diocese.

An outstanding civic program was held in Corpus Christi center's auditorium on Tuesday evening. Among those appearing on program were: Ray Gleason, state deputy of the Knights of Columbus; Judge Wendell E. Green, representing Chicago's Mayor Edward J. Kelly; Ralph Metcalfe, of the Mayor's Committee on Human Relations; Roland J. Sibrie, chairman of the 1946 convention; the Rev. Maurice Amman, O. F. M., pastor of Corpus Christi church; John H. Clouser, a supreme knight; Arnould Rauen, of the U. S. Treasury Department; Eddie Doherty of the Chicago Sun, who was master of ceremonies. Music was supplied by Organist Amos Hawkins, with vocal selections by Miss Avanda McGlory.

The Globe Nashville Tenn.

The climax of the convention was a beautiful victory dance held in the Corpus Christi center, where delegates, attired in evening dress, danced to the music of Eddie King and his orchestra.

Knights of Pythias

What Negroes Are Doing

B'ham News Sunday 3-10-46 Alabama

BY OSCAR W. ADAMS

The Knights of Pythias, represented in 37 states and in foreign fields, have received a proclamation from the supreme chancellor designating Sunday, March 24, as Pythian Anniversary and Thanksgiving Day.

March 26 will mark the 66th year of the existence of the Knights of Pythias among Negroes in America.

Much has been achieved by the Negro through this fraternal institution, and its membership is made up of men of fine character, represented in every worthwhile endeavor of Negro activity.

There are a number of branches associated with the Pythian fraternity—the Order of Calanthe, the women's section of the order; the Uniform Rank, or military department; the Knights and Princesses of Omar and the Juvenile Department.

The several jurisdictions are known as grand lodges and grand courts, and they also issue special proclamations for the observance of the annual Thanksgiving occasion, with the local lodges and courts putting on special programs.

For Birmingham and Jefferson County the 16 chancellor commanders met last Sunday afternoon at the Pythian Temple and organized for the anniversary. A. A. Guice, of Iron City Lodge No. 3, was elected general chairman. According to the general chairman, the largest attendance of any for the district will be noted on Sunday, March 24, when a parade led by the military department will precede the program at the church.

The Calanthe Court, under the direction of Mrs. Epsie J. Wood, grandworthy counsellor, has grown very rapidly during the past three years, and the Calanthes will form a large part of the celebration on March 24. Sun 3-10-46

In his proclamation the supreme chancellor made a strong appeal to not look upon this occasion slightly or with little interest. He stressed the importance of giving thanks and being obedient to God.

Headquarters are in Birmingham. Twenty-three thousand programs for the exercises have been mailed to the jurisdictions during week, and plans are being perfected for the occasion.

Ala. Pythians Elect W. A. Martin as Head

The Afro-American Baltimore, Md. Sat.

BIRMINGHAM—W. A. Martin of Auburn, Ala., was recently elected to succeed the late Oscar W. Adams as head of the grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias of Alabama at the annual session here.

Mr. Martin, who defeated A. G. Gaston, local business man, is the first man outside of Birmingham to head the Alabama Pythians in almost a half century. The office will remain in Birmingham, although Mr. Martin intends to maintain residence at Auburn. 7-13-46

Others officers elected were A. A. Guice, keeper of records; P. W. Echols, grand exchequer; the Rev. J. Babbington-Johnson, grand prelate; W. A. Billingslea, endowment secretary; the Rev. G. Howard Levant, treasurer; Arthur D. Shores, grand attorney and Lin Lewis, past grand chancellor.

Atlanta Man Heads Georgia Pythians

Defender Chicago, Ill.

SAVANNAH, Ga. — (ANP) — Knights of Pythias in annual session here last week unanimously elected Benjamin F. Cofer of Atlanta, grand chancellor, jurisdiction of Georgia. Sat. 12-28-46

Previously the vice grand chancellor, Cofer succeeds Atty. A. T. Walden of Atlanta. The chancellor-elect is manager of the Atlanta office of J. B. Blayton and company, certified public accountants and is a real estate and fire insurance broker. He is a member of several other fraternal lodges.

What Negroes Are Doing

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Birmingham Alabama

BY MATTIE B. ROWE

William Washington, chairman, and his associate men and women on the entertainment committee for the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias and Grand Court, Order of Calanthe, are planning on entertaining the largest delegation in several years when the two organizations assemble here in annual session Tuesday.

The Grand Lodge sessions will be held on the sixth floor of the Pythian Temple, 310 North 18th Street, while the Grand Court, Order of Calanthe, will meet in the colored Masonic Temple auditorium, Fourth Avenue and Seventeenth Street. Sun. 6-23-46

Representatives will come from the 45 lodges of the Knights of Pythias throughout the state, and from the 32 Courts of Calanthe.

The sessions will attract also a number of Pythians and Calanthes from other states in the Supreme jurisdiction.

Interest is heightened because of the recent death of Oscar W. Adams, who had served as grand chancellor of Alabama Pythians since 1931 and had guided the order through the most chaotic period of its 59 years' history to bring it to its present position as one of the most potent organizations among Negroes. The place of the late grand chancellor will be filled permanently at the Grand Lodge this week when the annual elections take place. Serving the unexpired term as grand chancellor is Sir W. A. Martin, of Auburn, Ala., prominent in church and fraternal circles.

Alabama

A feature of the session will be the public program and memorial services Tuesday night, 8 o'clock, at Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church, Fourth Avenue and North 16th Street. The Rev. J. A. Babington-Johnson, pastor of Metropolitan Church, and grand prelate of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of Alabama, will be in charge. Among those who will appear on the program are Prof. B. M. Montgomery, the Rev. C. H. George, Mrs. Gertrude F. Anderson, Dr. A. S. Mitchell, the Rev. W. L. Turner, Mrs. Rosa Niblette, Sir P. W. Echols, of Mobile; the Rev. John A. Hunter, Mrs. Lillie B. Bryant, Mrs. Thelma Green and Grand Chancellor W. A. Martin. The gospel chorus and senior choir of Metropolitan Church will furnish music.

What Negroes Are Doing

The Birmingham News-Age Herald

BY OSCAR W. ADAMS

It is interesting to note the remarkable changes and privileges granted the Negro people in many of the states of the union. It was our privilege to spend a few days at Hot Springs, Ark., last week and we saw Negroes from 33 states taking advantage of the bathing facilities offered by the government reservation. These people represent the highest type training in the worthwhile endeavors of the nation. Sunday 7-28-46

Probably the most encouraging situation is that these people have bath house, hotel, hospital and sanitarium all their own and one among the finest outfits of its kind in the world. This building is owned and controlled by the Supreme Lodge of Knights of Pythias with headquarters in Birmingham. The writer was present to inspect and work with the superintendent on a renovation program that is costing the order $62,000. The building was erected and grounds were purchased at a cost of $439.000.

John Webb New Head of Masons

By EMORY O. JACKSON

HOT SPRINGS, Ark.—(ANP)—John Webb, grand master of the Masonic order in Mississippi, numbering over 25,000 members and second largest among the thirty-nine, became president of the International Conference of Grand Masters, grand secretaries, etc., of the Prince Hall Masonic Grand lodges of the United States of America and Canada during its biennial session here Jan. 21-27.

Mr. Webb, whosse home town is this resort city, is moving up from vice president to succeed John Westley Dobbs of Atlanta, who is grand master of Georgia and a colorful political figure.

REPRESENTATIVES from 200 subordinate lodges with a membership of 10,000 Prince Hall Masons convened in Savannah, Ga., last week for the 77th annual Grand Lodge session. John Wesley Dobbs is grandmaster and presided.

Free Masonry had its beginning in Georgia among colored men in Savannah, when Eureka Lodge was set up by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. In 1870 a grand lodge was organized by the Rev. J. M. Simms, a Baptist minister, who became the first grand master.

Negro Masons Elect Howe Grand Master

Charles H. Howe, Maysville, Ky., yesterday was elected grand master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F. & A.M., Prince Hall affiliation. The Negro lodge concluded a two-day convention here.

Other officers were J. W. Fenley, Paducah, deputy grand master; Vincent Taylor, Louisville, senior grand warden; C. H. Williams, Louisville, junior grand warden; C. E. Jones, Covington, treasurer, and W. H. Perry, Jr., Louisville, secretary.

J. W. Waters, grand lecturer of the Pennsylvania jurisdiction and authority on Masonic history, spoke during the day.

Dr. W. H. Ballard, a member for 40 years of the Kentucky group, was directed to compile a history of Negro Masonic work in Kentucky.

The grand lodge voted $50 as a contribution to the Eastern Star, woman's Masonic affiliate, to be used as a scholarship fund by the National Federation of Negro Women.

Willard Allen Re-elected by Masons, Calls for Greater Support of Business

WASHINGTON

"Emphasis cannot be placed too strongly upon the necessity of supporting businesses," declared Willard W. Allen, sovereign grand commander of the United Supreme Council of Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, in his allocation address in Washington, Monday.

Declaring that colored people too long have "shunned the field of business as a career and profitable undertaking," Allen said that if out of the 69,581 graduates since 1820, a proportionate share had chosen business, the group would be that much further advanced economically.

Allen declared that minorities, in order to alter their circumscribed position in America, must employ self-help and enlist the aid of those sympathetic to their cause.

He declared the ballot to be an important tool, and advised that it be used wisely by voting for men with liberal views and policies.

Mr. Allen pointed to a war bond investment of four billion dollars, but declared that six billion dollars is spent annually in liquor sales.

Compare, he said, the six billion dollars spent in liquor with the less than three billion dollars annually spent for education, and "you can see just where we stand."

Confer Honorary Degrees

Approximately 300 delegates from the Southern Jurisdiction attended the 60th anniversary and 20th triennial sessions of the order held in the $100,000 Scottish Rite Cathedral, during which honorary 33rd degree ranks were conferred upon 138 candidates.

The Supreme Council voted to make an annual contribution of of at least $500 to the United College Fund Drive and donated $1000 to the Crippled Children's Hospital at Tuskegee.

It also voted to send Mr. Allen to the Centennial and Victory Exposition of the Republic of Liberia meeting in Monrovia from 1947 through 1949.

The next session of the Supreme Council will be held in Dallas, Tex., in 1947, with the Dale Consistory, No. 31, as hosts.

Mr. Allen, a native of Baltimore, was re-elected sovereign grand commander. John G. Lewis was elected lieutenant grand commander; J. E. Dickerson, Columbia, S.C., chancellor; Dr. Charles H. Wesley, grand minister.

George H. Fitzhugh was named grand treasurer; James T. Beason, secretary-general; Benjamin F. Arrington, assistant auditor, and Morton P. Chase, assistant auditor.

Guests of the session were:

Dr. Sumner Furness, Indianapolis, Ind., sovereign grand commander for the Northern Jurisdiction; George W. Crawford, deputy sovereign grand commander, New Haven, and Dr. Cornwell Banton, secretary-general of New Jersey, and Walter Beckett, deputy of the Valley of Pennsylvania.

$50,000 in Bank

The Cathedral at 1633 11th St., N.W., is paid for completely, and the Royal Arch Masons have $50,000 in the bank.

The body elected Dr. Charles H. Wesley to replace the late John Webb as grand minister of State, and John G. Lewis of Louisiana to succeed M. Lee, puissant lieutenant.

Aid Polio Victims

One thousand dollars was voted to aid crippled children, the fund going this year to Dr. John Chenault, who is in charge of the infantile paralysis hospital at Tuskegee, Ala. According to one report there are 18,000 colored crippled children alone in Alabama.

Serves 50 Years

W. M. McDonald Resigns As Secretary Of Masons

FT. WORTH — (ANP)— After serving more than 50 years as secretary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Texas, William Madison "Goose-neck Bill McDonald of Ft. Korth, resigned his office last week.

McDonald, who is one of the most potent citizens of Texas, is president of the Fraternal Bank and Trust company; extensive real estate holder here, in Chicago and other localities and who formerly was a power in national Republican politics, estimates that about seven million dollars has passed through his hands to beneficiaries of deceased Texas master masons

Under McDonald's leadership the order acquired a $75,00 temple; they own a $250,00 mosque where all departments of masonry can hold their grand sessions at the same time; they own also 160 acres of prospective oil lands in Henderson a $30,000 interest in the Masonic print-shop and 700 shares in the Fraternal Band and Trust company valued at $7,000. In addition they have on hand a cash balance of $69,818 24. Total assets of the order shown in McDonald's report are valued at $421,841.80.

McDonald who is now in his 80's has been outstanding in his philanthropies. He gave Ft. Worth its colored YMCA building which is named after him.

Negro Masons Hear Reports Of Good Year

By E. PHILIP ELLIS

A record audience of the Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons were present at the opening session of their grand communication which met here on yesterday morning. The three-day meeting will be held in the Negro Masonic temple, Washington street, between Main and Assembly, over which J. S. Stanback, grand master, will preside, assisted by J. W. Dobbs, grand master of Georgia, and Raymond E. Jackson, grand master of the New York jurisdiction.

Immediately following the opening exercises Grand Secretary J. E. Dickson submitted his annual report which was attested by John Eve, grand treasurer. The report showed the addition of ten new lodges during the past year and that the grand lodge was nearing its goal of 10,000 members.

Financially, the grand lodge had more cash in its treasure than at any time in its history, with several thousand dollars invested in government bonds, according to the grand secretary's report.

S. A. Moore of Winnsboro, deputy grand master, who was unable to attend the grand lodge session last year because of illness, is still indisposed and S. C. Disher of Darlington was appointed to fill this station until the election. Grand Mater J. S. Stanback's annual report was read before the grand lodge by S. C. Disher. Pending the adoption to refer the report to a special committee, Dr. J. E. Thomas of Florence spoke in complimentary terms of the same.

Standing committees were appointed on grand master's address, warrants, charity, education, jurispruence, appeals and grievances, temperance, relief and resolutions. All committees were instructed to report at today's sessions. J. B. Lewis, chairman of the housing committee, reported that the attendance at this grand lodge was the largest in the history of the order in this state.

The afternoon session was given to representatives bearing fraternal greetings. Grand Master J. W. Dobbs brought echoes from the grand lodges in Georgia, and Raymond E. Jackson, grand master of New York, spoke for his state. Others speaking were Prof. S. L. Finley of Chester, Prof. J. E. Blanton of Aiken, R. J. Miller of Charleston, Dr. J. E. Thomas of Florence, and Prince Riley of Rock Hill.

Recommendations of the grand master approved by the grand lodges were to pay widows of deceased masons $50 instead of $25 as a death benefit, the raising of all initiation fees, and to invest more in the purchasing of government bonds.

With the Rev. E. Philip Ellis grand chaplain, presiding, the Grand Lodge of Sorrow held a special memorial service yesterday evening at Bethel church with an unusually large audience present. Dr. C. Lander Hill is the minister of the church. The opening was followed by a masonic address by Grand Master J. S. Dobbs of Georgia. Grand Master Raymond E. Jackson of New York also spoke. Other participants were Dr. J. E. Thomas, who read the scripture; the Rev. J. C. McConnell, who announced the opening hymn, and the Rev. J. A. DeLaine said the prayer. Bethel's junior choir, under

"The Christian church and Masonry were created for just such times as these, and it is incumbent upon us not to lose our heads, and to keep pressing forward.

"When I hear of such disturbing influences as the revival of the Ku Klux Klan, the Columbians, or the White-American League it does not make me afraid. I pity those who join such organizations and laugh them to scorn. In the present light of day and

1,250 Masons Attend North Carolina Confab

NEW BERN, N. C.—More than 1,250 representative citizens from every section of the state gathered here last week at the 76th Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. and M. Masons of the North Carolina Jurisdiction.

Dr. James E. Shepard, president of North Carolina College for Ne-

daunt us, nor discourage us . . .

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Odd Fellows

NEGRO ODD FELLOWS MEET

the Times

Goldstein Assures Them State Is Fighting 'Native Fascists'

New York, N.Y.

Attorney General Nathaniel L. Goldstein announced yesterday that his office would continue its "crusade against native fascists" in this State.

Addressing 1,400 delegates and visitors at the opening session of the centennial convention of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, a Negro fraternal order, at Town Hall, Mr. Goldstein said:

"Our fight here in New York State to preserve the freedom of our citizens has not stopped and will not stop. We cannot and dare not relax our vigilance. We know full well how cratfy, how unscrupulous these vile people are. We know how they have tried in the past to camouflage their activities in the guise of college fraternities, or 'benevolent' organizations or so-called committees espousing their warped brand of 'Americanism.'

"We have been successful in our crusade against native Fascists in New York State only because I have received the unlimited support and backing of Governor Dewey, of the law enforcement agencies and above all of the free and enlightened electorate of this State." Times 8-13-46

Mayor O'Dwyer, welcoming the delegates to the city, told them New York was dedicated to "fair play."

Imperial Council Ordered to Reinstate Four Shriners

The Afro-American Baltimore, Md.

Sat. 11-23-46

PHILADELPHIA

Reinstatement of four Washington Shriners who were expelled by the Imperial Council of the order during its 45th conclave here in August, was ordered Friday by Judge Joseph Sloane.

In ruling in favor of the four expelled members, Judge Sloane held that they had been "unjustly and illegally deprived of their membership" and that the action of the Imperial Council was "illegal and without any force or effect."

The bill in equity directed Raymond E. Jackson, imperial potentate, of Buffalo, the Shrine order and Imperial Council to restore the four members to full status in the organization.

The four Shriners involved, William H. Bailey, Clifford G. Smith, Henry G. Hogan and Joseph H. Hankerson, are all members of the Mecca Temple No. 10, Washington.

All-Day Trial Held

They were expelled after an all-day trial before the Imperial Council during the closing session of the conclave. This drastic action followed their defiance of suspension by Jackson by taking their fight to civil court.

With five fellow Mecca Temple members they had been suspended earlier by Jackson for violating a directive of the order of Grenadier Clubs, recreation units of the organization.

Barred from Activities

They resorted to court action after they were barred from participation in activities of the conclave.

This led to the granting of a temporary injunction restraining the order from denying them participation unless they were granted a fair hearing.

Later, the quartet obtained a writ of attachment against the organization leader, charging violation and contempt of the court order. This was an aftermath of their ejecoitn pened their ejection from a dance sponsored by the conclave committee.

Failed to Answer Charges

When Jackson failed to answer charges filed against him in Common Pleas Court No. 7, in October, Judge Sloane signed a judgment in favor of the quartet. The final decree followed.

Raymond Pace Alexander, attorney, who represented the ousted Shriners, declared:

"This strong decision of Judge Sloane ought to put an end to such high-handed, dictorial and autocratic conduct of these fra ternal czars."

Herbert E. Millen represented Jackson.

Shrine Head Loses Round in Court

The Afro-American Baltimore, Md.

Judgment Ordered for Ignoring Complaints

Sat. 10-26-46

PHILADELPHIA

Raymond E. Jackson, imperial potentate of the Shriners, has lost another round in court in connection with the expulsion last August of four members of the order during its 45th conclave here.

At the trial on Monday, Judge Joseph Sloan granted a judgment against Jackson for failure to file an answer to complaints brought against him by the expelled members.

Unless Jackson is able to show good reason for his failure to answer the complaint, the ruling will entitle the ousted Shriners who were expelled by a 10-man trial board to reinstatement.

At a hearing on an injunction order on Aug. 26, Judge Sloan ruled that the four expelled men should be reinstated or that the meeting would have to be settled in court. He continued the case at that time, but the further hearing was never held.

Can Seek Injunction

The action gives complainants the right to press further injunction to restrain Jackson from barring them from the organization.

If the injunction is granted and the imperial potentate fails to comply, he may be cited for contempt of court.

The Afro-American

The expelled members, all affiliated with the Mecca Temple of Washington, are William H. Bailey, Henry C. Hogan, Clifford Smith, and Joseph H. Hankeram.

They contended, after their expulsion trial, that they did not receive a fair hearing because they had no advance knowledge that they would be called, no copy of the charges regarding the trial, and no time to prepare their case and summon witnesses.

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Next Step Not Revealed

Meanwhile, Raymond P. Alexander, attorney for the expelled quartet, and Herbert E. Millan, counsel for Jackson, have both refused to say what steps they will take next.

Baltimore, Md.

8,000 Attend Shriners Session; Senator Speaks

The Afro-American Baltimore, Md.

Sat. 8-31-46

4 Nobles Expelled; Daughters Implore Truman to Press Ga. Lynching Probe

PHILADELPHIA

Shriners representing 25 temples marched through South Philadelphia on Aug. 21 in a full dress parade lasting two hours, followed by competitive drills.

Over 8,000 delegates and visitors attended the 45th annual session of the Imperial Council, and were welcomed to the city by Mayor Bernard Samuel.

Rights for All Urged

U.S. Senator Francis J. Myers said in address to the group: "We cannot legislate human conduct, but we can enact and enforce laws which insure the rights of all people as citizens.

"The negation of our rights and liberties is not altogether typified by States like Georgia, not by the would-be dictators as characterized by Gerald K. Smith."

Prejudice Scored

Senator Myers urged a thorough re-examination of the War Department's ruling barring the enlistment of colored men.

He recommended immediate action to outlaw restrictive and discriminatory practices in the Federal, State and local governments as a compelling force for the protection of the rights of all peoples.

4 Nobles Expelled

The expulsion of four nobles of Mecca Temple No. 10, Washington, D.C., following an all-day hearing and trial on Friday.

Although this matter was not on the convention agenda, officials were forced to act when the principals, William H. Bailey, Henry C. Hogan, Clifford O. Smith, and Joseph H. Hankerson took it to court.

Drill Awards Made

In the precision drill, first place honors and the coveted pennant were won by Medinah Temple No. 19 of New York City. Egyptian Temple No. 5 of Los Angeles placed second, and third place went to Alla Baba Temple No. 53 of Columbus, O.

Winner in the exhibition drill was Alla Baba Temple, Egyptian Temple was runner-up, and Medinah Temple placed third. The awards were made Aug. 21 by the imperial potentate during the grand ball.

Court Activities

The Imperial Court of the Daughters of Isis, which met at the same time, sent a letter to President Truman demanding a more thorough investigation of the recent lynching of four persons in Monroe, Ga.

Mrs. Beula McKay of Oklahoma City, Okla., was re-elected imperial commandress of the body, and the degree of past illustrious commandress was conferred upon Mrs. Ercelle Moore of Buffalo, N.Y., administrative clerk to the Imperial Council.

The degree of past imperial commandress was conferred upon Mrs. Mary Wilmore. Other officers are:

Officers Elected

Daughters Leola Robinson of Cleveland, first lieutenant commandress; Ida M. Tyree of Chicago, second lieutenant commandress; Margaret Rowe of Buffalo, N.Y., first ceremonial daughter; Alma Nevelle of Richmond, Va., second ceremonial daughter;

Mamie McCoy of Washington, high priestess; Laura Henson of Baltimore, treasurer; Sadie E. Barnes of Newark, N.J., recordress; Alberta Parker of Los Angeles, oriental guide; Wilhelmina Lewis of Detroit, assistant secretary;

Edith Welsh of St. Louis, inside spy; and Mary Rispus of Philadelphia, Pa., outside spy.

3 Get High Honor

In the council, George W. Crisup of Chicago, who was in the first class of nobles created in 1893, received the degree of past imperial potentate. George W. Francis, attorney, Washington, D.C., and Robert Anderson of Virginia were similarly honored.

Council officers elected were:

Zach Alexander of Charlotte, N.C. deputy imperial potentate; Joseph W. Givens of Pittsburgh, imperial chief rabban; Dr. Charles W. Stewart, Wilberforce University, imperial high priest and prophet; Dr. George Bernard Key, St. Louis, imperial oriental guide;

William H. Jones, Chicago, imperial second ceremonial master; H. C. Holman, Suffolk, Va., imperial captain of the guard and Claude C. Watkins, Merion, Ind., imperial outer guard.

tion revealed by Peter C. Graham, convention chairman. Delegations of various other Masonic bodies, the Daughters of Isis, with their friends and relatives are expected to swell the figures to some eight thousand.

The Imperial Council, to which approximately one hundred temples scattered over the United States pay obesiance, has been content for the past several years to rely upon the Imperial Divan to conduct the business affairs of the institution. The accumulated business of the order, which numbers more than ten thousand men, will occupy the attention of the council membership. Imperial session will officially open Monday morning with an address by Imperial Potentate Raymond E. Jackson. A large degree of the attention of the Shriners will be directed to the welfare, civic and economic interests of the race.

Shriners Meet In Philadelphia

Daily World Atlanta, Ga.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — The Ancient Egyptian Arabic, Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, with headquarters at 1116 Rhode Island Avenue, Washington, D. C., will hold its 45th annual imperial conclave here August 18 through 23rd with a program that will include a public memorial service, a dance, a full dressed parade and ornately garbed patrol drill contests.

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More than two thousand Shriners are expected to attend this first post-war assembly, according to an estimate from advanced registra-

Four Shriners Sue Mecca Officers and Potentate

The Afro-American Baltimore, Md.

WASHINGTON

Suit for injunctive relief to restrain officers of Mecca No. 10 of the Ancient Egyptian Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine from barring them from membership in the organization, was filed in District Court Friday by four Washington residents.

Plaintiffs in the suit are William H. Bailey, Clifford O. Smith, Henry C. Hogan, and Joseph H. Hankerson of the lodge, are:

Robert W. Johnston, 606 Forty-ninth St., N.E.; Samuel L. Strickland, 33 Quincy Pl., N.W.; Benjamin F. Green, 2812 Sherman Ave., N.W., and George W. Francis, 132[illegible]

Also named defendant individually and as an officer is Raymond E. Jackson, who is described as the imperial potentate of the Imperial Council, Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America, with headquarters at 132 Hedley Pl., Buffalo, New York.

Convention Feud Cited

The plaintiffs claim that on Nov. 30, last, the defendants refused to admit them to the meetings or reinstate them and forcibly ejected them, thereby depriving them of the benefits accruing to them from their membership in the organization.

The Afro-American Baltimore, Md.

Belford Lawson is the attorney for the plaintiffs.

Sat. 12-21-46

Potentate Named Also

Named defendants individually and as officers of the lodge, are:

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They claim further that on Nov. 15, last, the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia, ordered the to reinstate to reinstate

Belford Lawson Elected President Of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity

The Journal & Guide
Norfolk, Va.

BELFORD LAWSON

CHICAGO, Ill. — Attorney Belford V. Lawson of Washington, D. C., who recently distinguished himself by winning the history-making decision of the Maryland Supreme Court in the case of Henderson vs. The Southern Railway prohibiting use of curtains around Negro passengers in railway dining cars, was elected general president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity here the last week in December. Lawson has served previously as general counsel of the fraternity for several years. 1-12-46

The election of officers, followed by a banquet at which Hilyard Robinson, noted architect and technical director of the Liberian Centennial, was principal speaker, climaxed a four-day convention. More than 400 Alpha men were registered for the 31st and largest meeting of the organization since its organization at Cornell University in 1906.

CONVENTION THEME

The convention theme, "Peace and Reconversion," was highlighted by the emphasis placed on the importance of the plight of dark peoples in other parts of the world, particularly in the dependent territories. Through the efforts and interest of its retiring president, Dr. Rayford W. Logan, the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity has assumed a leadership in this field.

Principal speaker at its public meeting was Dr. Norman W. Manly, leader of the Jamaican Peoples' Party, a prominent attorney and Rhodes scholar. He told the overflow audience that ultimate equality for American Negroes is inextricably bound with that of other peoples of African descent. Their fight here in the United States, he declared, can be strengthened by championing the cause of minority and colonial groups all over the world. 1-12-'46

"It is time now to come out in the open and fight," he stated. "Five or ten years from now the opportunity will have passed. The world is being reshaped today. We must demand equality and respect and when we demand them we must be prepared to fight for them."

Continuing its interest in domestic problems affecting the welfare of the nation and of Negroes in particular, the fraternity made financial contributions to the National Council for a Permanent FEPC, the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, the United Negro College Fund, the National Association for the Advacement of Colored People, and the National Urban League. 1-12-46

CONSTITUTION REVISED

The convention revised the organization's constitution in many particulars and provided for the establishment of an office of executive secretary to take effect next year. 1-12-46

Other officers elected were Bert Mayberry, general secretary; M. G. Ferguson, general treasurer; Willian. N. Lovelace, mid-western vice-president; William H. Gray, southern vicec-president; A. Maceo Smith, western vice president; R. Schuster, eastern vice-president; H. Councill Trenholmf, director of educational activities; Charles Lane, general counsel; and three undergraduate lay members of the executive council.

The fraternity voted to hold its 32nd convention in Columbus, Ohio, in December, 1946.

Washington Alphas Honor Two for Service

Judge James A. Cobb presenting traveling bags to Dr. Rayford Logan, left, and Joseph H. B. Evans for distinguished service to the fraternity and the community at Alpha Phi Alpha dinner at Howard University last week. Presentation was made on behalf of the Washington graduate chapter, Mu Lambda. Dr. Logan and Mr. Evans retired as national president and general secretary, respectively, at the fraternity's recent convention.

Alphas Greet 2 Solons, 32 College Presidents

The Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

Kappas Hear Report on Investigation of Columbians by Anti-Nazi League

Sat. 12-28-46

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Greek-letter organizations are holding their annual Yuletide week-end conventions in various sections of the country, at which prominent leaders in education, politics, business and social welfare will be guest speakers.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity opens its 32nd session in Memorial hall here Friday, with Paul Robeson, Dr. Channing H. Tobias, Dr. Rayford W. Logan, Mayor James Rhodes, and President Howard Davis of Ohio State University among the speakers.

Among the delegates will be the only two Congressmen who are not white, William Dawson of Chicago, and the Rev. Adam C. Powell Jr. of New York City, both Alphas, and 32 college and university presidents.

Kappas in NYC

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity opens its 36th session in New York City on Friday at the High School of Music and Arts, with national president, Augustus G. Parker, councilman and attorney of Cleveland, presiding.

A first-hand report of his investigation of the Columbians of Atlanta by Dr. James H. Sheldon, executive director, Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, which led to the arrest of the Columbians' leaders, will highlight the Kappas' program.

Phi Delta Kappa Sorority opens its 23rd session on Friday at Mt. Zion Methodist Church in Cincinnati. Speakers will include Mrs. Hazel M. Walker, Cleveland school principal; Mayor James G. Stewart, and Dr. Claude V. Courter, superintendent of schools in Cincinnati.

Other conclaves are that of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity in New Orleans, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at Fort Worth, Tex., both of which open also on Friday.

FRAT COUNCIL ADMITS ALPHAS AT UNIV. OF M.

The Chronicle
Detroit, Mich.
Sat. 12-21-46

ANN ARBOR—Alpha Phi Alpha, national Negro fraternity, has been finally admitted into the Inter-Fraternity Council of the University of Michigan, an organization which heretofore has only consisted of white fraternities.

The vote of the council was unanimous for admittance, which was surprising, considering the fact that the fraternity has been trying for two years to join the council without success.

Ralph Gibson, former president of the Alpha chapter and now an instructor in the psychology department of Michigan, said that the campaign to join the council began back in 1945.

"We received no satisfaction for two years, especially last year. We did not even get the opportunity before this semester to submit a petition for admittance, because we could never contact anyone in the council," he stated. "However, this year we had no difficulty at all."

The fraternity will participate in all IFC activities, such as distributing Christmas baskets and taking part in the annual IFC ball. Alpha is now engaged in looking for a fraternity house, and hopes to procure one by next spring.

Chi Delta Mu Fraternity in Afro-American Organization Session in D.C.

Baltimore, Md

WASHINGTON A small group of men representing all parts of the country met at the Chi Delta Mu House, 1301 T St., N.W., last week, for the purpose of reviving and reactivating the existing 13 chapters.

On the program of the one-day session were prayer by Dr. Herbert Wilkins, pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church; a welcome address by Dr. Raymond W. Elliott and a keynote address by Dr. Phillip Johnson, conclave chairman.

Dr. Elliot Speaks

Dr. Raymond Elliot in his address emphasized that Chi men should never lose sight of the purpose for which medical, dental and pharmaceutical men were organized. He urged them to continue the promotion of high ideals and professional ethics among all men.

6-22-46

Dr. Phillip Johnson outlined a long range national program which included local and national publicity of the professional, community health projects, scholastic assistance to our youth, participation in political life to insure beneficial legislation and an expansion of Chi chapters.

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Dr. Johnson Installed

Dr. E. Clayton Terry, founder of Chi, installed the following national officers: Dr. Phillip Johnson, grand president; Dr. E. C. Wiggins, grand organizer; Dr. Alexander Bell, grand secretary; Dr. J. C. Carr, Newark, N.J.; grand treasurer; Dr. James A. Gillespi, Newcastle, Pa., grand chaplain, and Dr. A. L. Spencer, grand publicity chairman.

Among the out-of-town delegates were:

Dr. George G. Adams, Henryton, Md.; Dr. Vernon G. Bunce, Orange, N.J.; Dr. Norman L. Collins, Beckley, W. Va.; Dr. J. C Carr, Newark, N.J.;

Dr. Charles R. Cephas, Newbrighton, Pa.; Dr. Sherwood Catlett, Montclair, N.J.; Dr. James A. Gillespi, Newcastle, Pa.; Dr. Jonathan C. Gibbs Sr., Passaic, N.J.; Dr. B. C. Isaac, Orange, N.J.; Dr. Reginal Morris, New York; Dr. Foster B. Pettie, Corona, New York; Dr. Taylor Segue, New Orleans, La.; Dr. J. Herbert Sembly, Salisbury, Md.; Dr. W. Holmes Tyler, St. Louis, Mo.

Local members attending included:

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Drs. George W. Adams, A. F. Bell, Raymond W. Elliott, C. M. Gill, Phillip Johnson, W. C. McNeil, W. F. Nelson, Drs. W. T. Parker, A. L. Spencer, E. Clayton Terry, N. C. Wiggins, J. E. Roberts, E. S. Jones, L. R. Matthews, Ottwa Saunders, George C. Holl-
mond, J. C. Brazier and J. Francis Dyer. 6-22-46

Kappas Vote Highest Honor to Two Members

COLUMBUS, Ohio. — Dr. C. C. Spaulding, president, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance company, and Atty. W. Ellis Stewart, vice-president of the Supreme Liberty Life Insurance company, were awarded the Laurel Wreath, the highest honor of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, at its 35th annual grand chapter meeting which closed here Saturday at the Masonic Temple.

Both men, members of the fraternity, were cited "for distinguished achievement," in the fields of business, as civic leaders, and as leaders both in the Negro race and for the improvement of the race relations. Stewart is a native of Columbus and was born here in 1892.

Dr. Spaulding and Stewart became the 10th and 11th holders of the Laurel Wreath in the 35-year-old history of the national fraternity, it was announced by Atty. Augustus G. Parker, president of the fraternity and Cleveland councilman.

New York In 1946

The fraternity chose New York for its 1946 meeting and re-elected its principal officers, led by Atty. Augustus G. Parker, Cleveland City councilman, national polemarch.

Three members were named to the grand board of directors: Dr. R. Eugene Clarke, Cincinnati, re-elected; Dr. Henry H. Walker, Meharry Medical college; Fred C. Ford, University of Illinois and Dr. Ezra D. Alexander, Indianapolis.

The Columbus alumni and Zeta chapters were hosts. Jere B. Stanfield, teacher at Champion junior high school, and Charles Justice, Ohio State university student, are local leaders of the Kappas.

Spaulding Financier

Dr. Spaulding, 71, is nationally known as president of the largest finance institution operated by Negroes. In addition, he is a member of the board of trustees or officer of the Southern Education Foundation, Howard university, State Medical and Hospital Care Commission of North Carolina War Fund campaign. He has previously been recognized with the Harmon Award and the Spingarn Medal.

Atty. Stewart, graduate of the University of Illinois, is a member and former vice-president of the National Council of Y.M.C.A.'s of the United States, member of the Chicago Plan Commission, board of directors, USO Council of Chicago, and a past national president of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity and for fifteen years chairman of the fraternity's housing commission.

Faces National Problems

Turning to national problems, the Kappas, by resolution, authorized its officers to use all the influence of the organization, to establish federal laws and a commission on fair employment practice, and direct renewed appeal to the President, and the Congress. The sum of $100 was also voted to the National Council on Fair Employment Practice to support the FEPC campaign. $100 was also voted to aid the anti-poll tax campaign.

Another action pledged the fraternity to use every effort to outlaw residential covenants which prevent Negroes from moving into improved housing, thus condemning Negroes to slums and also tending to keep adequate housing expensive to Negroes because of scarcity.

The fraternity condemned the extension of segregated veterans facilities and voted to join other organizations to change "present discriminatory policies" of the veterans administration which are based on "race, religion or color."

The fraternity unanimously voted to "continue its activities in the field of interracial relationships in order to establish real brotherhood among men."

The purchase of a chapter house in Nashville, Tenn., was approved by the grand chapter to make a total of six houses owned by the fraternity.

Other officers named are: Rufus S. Stout, Louisville, senior grand vice-polemarch; Willie Brown, Ohio State university, junior grand vice-polemarch; Atty. J. Ernest Wilkins, Chicago, grand keeper of records and exchequer; Adlert Cartman, Morehouse college, strategus; Arthur Willis, Lincoln university, lieutenant strategus; N. Webster Moore, Tulsa, historian.

A minimum of social affairs included the complimentary dances by the Pan-Hellenic Council and the Delta Kappa Sigma Businessmen's Association; a smoker by the Frontier's club; and the closed annual banquet and prom.

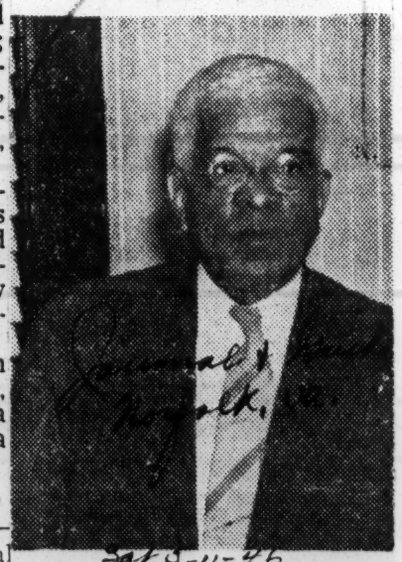
Visiting wives of Kappamen were guests of the Alpha Wives, the Quettes, Delta Sigma Theta sorority, and Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority.

Honored By Kappas

DR. C. C. SPAULDING

the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, Dr. C. C. Spaulding, president of the largest financial institution operated by Negroes, their highest award, The Laurel Wreath. Dr. Spaulding, now 71, is in addition, a member of the board of trustees of Howard University and several other important national boards. He previously received the Harmon Award and the Spingarn Medal.

Gets Laureal Wreath Award



Dr. Charles Clinton Spaulding of Durham, N. C., was awarded the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Laureal Wreath Award for distinguished service at a special ceremony, held in the B. N. Duke auditorium at North Carolina College on Sunday May 5. The address for the occasion was delivered by the Rev. Wm. Poteat of the University of North Carolina and the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

Campbell Johnson Honored By Omega Psi Phi Fraternity

Daily World Atlanta Ga. 1-3-46

ATLANTA, Ga. —(SNS)— Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, oldest of the Greek Letter organizations founded at a Negro College, wound up its largest and most successful 32nd Grand Conclave on Dec. 30. Fort Worth Texas was chosen as 1946 Meeting Place.

Two hundred eighty delegates and visiting fraters from 27 States, plus 250 Washington Omegas elected Col Campbell C. Johnson of Washington, D. C. to the office of Grand Basileus. Col Johnson is Executive Asst. to the Director of Selective Service. All other National officers were reelected, J. H. Calhoun of Atlnta-Vice Grand Basileus, C. R. Alexander of Savannah as Grand Keeper of Records and Seals, Jesse B. Blayton of Atlanta Grand Keeper of Finances, and Nat D. Williams of Memphis Editor of the Oracle. Dexter Eure was elected from the Undergraduates to serve as 2nd Vice Grand Basileus.

Highlights included entrance of the Fraternity into public affairs, when it established a "Social Action Committee" to push such as a permanent FEPC, anti-poll tax better housing, etc. a check for $521.00 was presnted council for permanent FEPC. Hon Henry A. Wallace and President Mordecai W. Johnson of Howard U. spoke at the Public Meeting. Awards were made for achivement, and a pilgrimage was made to the graves of the unknown soldier, Col Charles Young and founder Ernest E. Just.

Awards in addition to scholarship to deserving students in High School and College included a plaque to Col Johnson for his work for Race and Nation, another to J C. Calhoun for his work for the Fraternity, and still another to John F. Potts for his work as most efficient District Representative of the Organization.

Omegas Name Director Of Action Committee

Chicago Defender Dec. 28-46

WASHINGTON—Dr. Ira A. Reid, chairman of the Department of Sociology, Atlanta University, was elected director of the National Social Action Committee of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, at a meeting of the committee held here last week.

OMEGA PSI 'MAN OF 1945' RECEIVES PLAQUE

Chicago Defender

Col. Campbell C. Johnson, Selective Service aide and newly-elected president of the Omega Psi fraternity, receives achievement plaque as award for best general job done by an Omega man in 1945, from Z. Alexander Looby, retiring grand basileus, during the recent 32nd grand conclave of the frat in Washington. Left to right: John F. Potts, who was given the "most efficient district representative" award; J. C. Calhoun Jr., vice-president, who received the award for the best job done within the fraternity; Col. Johnson, Z. Alexander Looby, and Rev. Edgar Love, a founder of the fraternity and chairman of the award committee.

Ill. Sat. 1-12-46

Omega Fraternity Resumes Awards To Top Scholars

Defender

WASHINGTON—Omega Phi Psi Fraternity will resume its program of annual awards for superior scholarship, the organization's scholarship commission announced last week. 6-1-46

The yearly grants, instituted in 1939, were discontinued during the war. This year's awards will consist of one $500 fellowship for advanced study in any field of letters, art, or science, two $250 scholarships for students in medicine, dentistry, or law, and five $100 scholarships for college undergraduates.

Previous recipients of $500 fellowships are: Dr. Percy L. Julian, chemistry; Melvin B. Tolson, literature; Charles W. Collins, psychology; Edward Ferguson Jr., zoology; and Roland L. Allison, chemistry. Ill.

Members of the scholarship commission are: Dr. Montague Cobb, chairman, Howard University; Dr. S. Milton Nabrit, Atlanta University; Charles W. Collins, Veterans' Administration; and Dr. Arthur P. Davis, Howard University.

Frat Makes Gift To Infirmary

Defender Chicago, Ill.

Alabama Chapter Presents Inhalator

Sat. 12-21-46

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — As its outstanding achievement of the year, Sigma Phi chapter of Omega Phi Phi fraternity has presented an oxygen inhalator to the Hale Infirmary, a local charity institution.

Dr. W. D. Pettus, basileus of the chapter, presented the inhalator, bought at a cost of $300, to Miss Vurlia Huffman, superintendent of the Infirmary. Defender

Three members of the chapter are on the board of Hale Infirmary, which has historic significance as a gift to the community from the late Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hale, pioneer ex-slave philanthropists. Sigma Phi members on the board are Dr. R. T. Adair, Dr. A. W. West and Prof. T. H. Randall.

Omegas Name Aiken Most Outstanding '46 Citizen

Daily World Atlanta, Ga. Wed. 11-13-46

Walter H. Aiken, contractor, builder and realtor, has been named by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity as Atlanta's most useful citizen for 1946. Since Omega has in its membership some of Atlanta's leading business and professional men, this means that at last Atlanta is doing what was done some time ago by the National Real Estate Group. Honor and recognition at home has come to Mr. Aiken.

This recognition is the result of Mr. Aiken's outstanding contribution to housing in Atlanta. He is noted for developing "Fairview Terrace," one of Atlanta's most beautiful sections for Negroes. He is also noted for his development in the Simpson Road section. These developments were for war workers and his latest is for Veterans.

Mr. Aiken built in a short time in the midst of shortages of all kinds 350 or more houses of the most modern design with essential furnishings including heating, refrigeration and cooking appliances.

The award was made in absentia Sunday night at the First Congregational Church where members of Omega were closing their Achievement Week program. Walter A. Chivers, Morehouse College professor, was the speaker of the occasion. Mr. Chivers discussed "Social Action for Social Welfare." He declared: "A leader is one who can free the masses from their bondages." Chivers deplored the lack of help the uneducated receive from the better class Negroes in their attempts to earn a living. He criticized teachers for their lack of spine in solving their problems and the problems of their communities. He stated, "Negroes should join unions even through the side door." He took a swing at Negro businessmen for their unbusiness-like approach to economic success, for their conduct and arrogance.

Prof. C. L. Harper was given the "Mr. Q" award for his work with the NAACP. Winning Omega awards is old to Prof. Harper for he has won about all they have to offer in one field or another. Dosh R. Jackson was chairman. J. H. Calhoun, Jr., made the awards. Music was furnished by Mrs. E. Florine Furlow and the Deep South Quartet, directed by Johnson Hubert.

Omegas Set In Motion Social Action Work

Worth, Texas, December 27-30, was presided over by Col. Campbell C. Johnson, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Selective service, Grand Basileus of the Fraternity. Jan. 1-7-47

The business sessions of the Grand Conclave featured the reports of the National Social Action Committee is Dr. Ira De A. Reid, eminent Sociologist of Atlanta University. The Committee is made up of the following which convened in Fort

Worth Texas. — The fraternity which convened in Fort

clave of the Omega Psi Phi Fra- gates at the 1946 Conclave estab- ternity. Committee is made up of the Fol-

thirty-third Annual Grand Con-

lowing men: Dr. Frank Horn, Willard S. Townsend, Theordore Poston, Dr. James M. Nabrit, President Albert W. Dent, Prof. John A. Davis, Lawrence A. Oxley, and Captain Grant Reynolds.

576 DELEGATES

The roll call of delegates made by J. Arthur Weisegar, race relations specialist, Federal Housing Authority, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, revealed that 576 delegates representing all sections of the country; among the delegates present were five former Grand Basiloi: Atty. Z. Alexander Looby, Nashville, Tenn., Atty. J. Alston Atkins, Winston-Salem, N. C., Judge George L. Vaughn St. Louis, Mo., President Albert W. Dent, Dillard University, New Orleans, La., and Lt. Lawrence A. Oxley, Minorities Division, United States Department of Labor, Washington, D. C., two of the founders were there in the person of Dr. Edgar A. Love, New York City, and Dr. Oscar J. Cooper of Philadelphia, Pa. Eleven of the 12 District Representatives under the supervision of First Vice Grand Basileus John H. Calhoun, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., were present.

The scholarship committee under the chairmanship of Dr. W. Montague Cobb, Howard University, Washington, D. C.; announced the recipients of the scholarship awards. The awards, totalling $1900, were as follows: to S. Randolph Edmonds, Playwright and Professor of Drama at Dillard University, New Orleans, La., $500 to aid the writing of a play, "Prometheus and the Atom," and the publication of an anthology of full-length Negro plays; to Joseph H. Reason, acting librarian of Howard University, Founders Library Washington, D. C., $250 to aid the completion of doctoral studies at New York University and a definitive work on the office of the registrar in American Colleges; to James Oliver Brown, junior at Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., and John Winston King, senior at Howard University Medical School, $250 each for the continuation of professional studies; to William H. Butts, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va., William E. Greene, Howard University, Jesse Hill Jr., Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo., and Samuel A. Morgan, Columbia University, New York, N. Y., $100 each for the continuation of undergraduate studies.

World Memphis Tenn. Tenn.

SPECIAL GRANTS

Two additional special grants were made, as in keeping with the ideals and objectives of the Fraternity. One, of $100 to the N. A. A. C. P. as a contribution to the expenses of David Johnson, president of the Students Association of Haverford College, Haverford, Pa., as a delegate to the International Student service at Cambridge, England, in July. The other, also, $100, to the Scientific Research Fund now being solicited by Meharry Medical College.

GRAND OFFICERS 1-7-47

The delegates at the 1946 Grand Conclave elected the following grand officers to guide the destiny of the fraternity for 1946: Col. Campbell C. Johnson, Washington, D. C., Grand Basileus; John H. Calhoun, Jr., Atlanta, Ga., First Vice Grand Basileus; Joseph T. Brooks II, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., Second Vice Grand Basileus; J. Arthur Weiseger, Washington, D. C., Keeper of Records and Seal; Jesse B. Blayton, Atlanta, Ga., Grand Keeper of Finance; Mr. Charles W. Collins, New York City, New York, was elected editor-in-chief of the Oracle.

Kay W. McMillan was Grand Marshall for the 1946 Grand Conclave. Detroit will be the scene for the 1947 Grand Conclave which will convene December 27 through 30, 1947.

Phi Beta Sigmas Outline A Formidable 1946 Program

Phi Beta Sigma meeting in its 30th Annual Conclave outlined far reaching program.

Reorganization perfected creating office of executive secretary.

The Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. meeting in its 30th annual conclave here in St. Louis December 27-31 set in motion a far reaching program.

Plan Action

With over two hundred Sigma men present from all over the United States they concerned themselves with these important factors: (1) with a proposed reorganization which was perfected and is to be put into motion by early spring. The high point of this change in program is the creation of the office of National Executive Secretary, whose duties shall be to supervise chapter welfare, finance, public relation, and publicity of the organization.

(2) The second factor receives its motevation from the fact that the Negro is faced with a foreboding future in America, thus the setting up of a Social Action committee whose duties shall be to concern itself with specific issues like equal pay, for equal work. Equal access to adequate housing, equal educational opportunities, air and impartial administration of veteran's rights. voting rights, abolition of Poll tax, permanent FEPC and problems resulting from war time shift in population.

(3) The third factor being that of the fraternity's National Program, Bigger and Better Business. The conclave went on record to accelerate this program during the year 1946, by calling on every chapter to coordinate its program with existing chambers of commerce, business league, and house wives leagues. To interest the people in their locality in credit unions, cooperative, building and loan associations and banks. To take part in exhorting our groups to open factories and retail businesses and last but not least conduct an extensive educational program that will enlighten the public as to spending their dollar for the economic betterment of our group.

Officers Elected

National Officers elected for the year 1946 were: Atty. George A. Parker, Washington, D. C., President; E. R. Clemons, C.P.A., Philadelphia, Pa., Vice President; F. L. Hightower, M. D., Atlanta, Ga., Treasurer; S. Edward Gilbert, Ph.C., St. Louis, Mc , Director of Bigger and Better Business; George A. Blakey, L.L.B., Chicago, Ill., Director of Social Action Committee and James A. Jackson, L.L.B., New York City, N. Y., Commerce Councilor. The office of executive secretary will be filled in the very near future by the National board upon recommendation of the National President.

The highlights of the social calendar were: an all Greek dance sponsored by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and the Omega Psi Fraternity in the beautiful Castle ballroom.

A cocktail and buffet party the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in the palatial home of Dr. Leroy Dabbs.

The traditional Conclave formal with the local chapters Xi Zeta, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, and Kappa Sigma, Phi Beta Sig- were in attendance.

and host respectively. Over 2000 ma Fraternity serving as hostess

A Cabaret party at the newly decorated Club Riviera.

A cock tail and buffet party with the Sigma Shadows extending courtesies to the visiting Sigma men's wives in the appointed home of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Layne.

New Orleans, La. was designated as the meeting place for the conclave in 1946.

Phi Beta Sigma Observing Twenty-Fifth Anniversary

The Epsilon Sigma Chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity is now observing its twenty-fifth anniversary here, under the leadership of its President, B. Franklin Vaughan.

The Chapter's program will deal with many community and national problems. Dr. C. Q. Pair, Chairman of the Social Actions Committee, has sent a Resolution to President Truman, urging him to put pressure upon Congress to force action on the FEPC Bill.

Dr. Pair has also sent the names of representative citizens to Governor Dewey as possible members of the Commission to study the recommendation for a New York State University. The names submitted were: Atty. Philip Watson, Dr. L. D. Reddick, and B. Franklin Vaughan.

The Social Actions Committee sent a letter of congratulations to Police Chief Woods of the Norfolk Police Department, for his courage in placing Negro police officers on the force with equal rights.

School Study Set

Plans are also being made to study the Harlem Schools. Many pertinent questions will be asked of the local Principals.

The Silver Jubilee Year of the Epsilon Sigma Chapter is studded with many events. The first event will take place on Feb. 20th, when an Honor Scroll will be presented to Dr. George D. Thorne at a testimonial dinner which will be held at the West 135th St. Branch, Y. M. C. A. Dr. Thorne resceives this honor because he was designated as the most outstanding Sigma member of the year 1945. The work which Dr. Thorne did in bringing to the attention of the general public the racial discriminatory practices of the American Association of Surgeons and Doctor is well known. This was a distinct service to the public at large. Also Dr. Thorne is an indefatigable worker for the general welfare of this community.

Epsilon Sigma also plans to pay honor to Mr. A. A. Austin, one of America's foremost real estate operators. Later special recognition will be given to J. A. (Billboard) Jackson for the many contributions he has made for the welfare of the entire race.

PRESIDENT: B. Franklin Vaughn, Epsilon Sigma Chapter, Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, New York City.

Zetas, Sigmas Hold Public Meeting

By REBA SCHINAULT

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—A joint public meeting of the Zeta Phi Beta and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternities was held at Scruggs Memorial Church Dec. 28. "The Role of the Greek Letter Organizations in the Post-War World" was discussed by W. Sherman Savage of Lincoln University, guest speaker. Dr. J. G. Dixon, St. Louis physician and president of the local chapter of Phi Beta Sigma, presided. Approximately two hundred friends and members attended.

MUST ASSUME LEADERSHIP

Dr. Savage stated the "Negro Greek letter organizations, as an integral part of Negro life, can no longer depend upon long range leadership. They must mingle with the masses so as to lead them in the right direction if the race is to obtain the full citizenship that it desires. Any organization that has for its purpose the betterment of the race should receive the full support of these groups.

"Despite the social and undemocratic nature of these fraternities every organization has taken up some phase of Negro life for emphasis each year. This has aroused community interest in and good will for them. However, they must now meet the challenge by assuming full leadership in the fight for Negro rights," he concluded.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

The Zeta Phi Betas are celebrating their 25th conclave. Lullelia W. Harrison, national basileus, pointed out that "in their twenty-five years of existence they have grown from one to one hundred six chapters. The theme of this meeting is cooperation in the post-war world for peace, prosperity, and progress of the Negro race." Lou Schwarz, St. Louis teacher and nationally known actress, occupied a seat of honor on the rostrum.

CARVER DAY, JANUARY 5

George W. Parks, national president of the Sigmas, expressed the pleasure of the fraternity in the dual convention. Their theme, likewise, is "Cooperation for Strength, Wisdom and Accomplishments." A letter from Gov. P. Donnell proclaiming Jan. 5, George Washington Carver Day, was read. Dr. Carver was a member of the fraternity. Attention was also called to the fact that a completely Negro-manned Post Office in Jacksonville, Fla., had been given the name of this imminent scientist.

Greetings were extended from the Pan-Hellenic Council by wire, and a welcome address from the council by Miss Mabel Lewis, teacher at Washington Technical High School.

310 DELEGATES

Attending the convention were 225 Zetas from all sections of the country, the largest delegation being from Memphis. The Sigmas enrolled eighty-five members, the largest delegation coming from Chi-

Sigmas End Conclave; Parker New President

ST. LOUIS—Phi Beta Sigma fraternity with over 196 delegates attending from 69 chapters from all parts of the country, held its 30th annual conclave in St. Louis, Mo., from Dec. 27 to Dec. 29, inclusive. The tireless work of the committees was centered around the theme of the convention: "The Role of the Fraternity Man in the Post-War Era."

One of the important events of the Sigma conclave was its public mass meeting held Dec. 27 in the Scruggs Memorial church. Dr. J. S. Savage, Ph.D., professor of Social Science at Lincoln university, Jefferson City, Mo., was the principal speaker. Dr. Savage spoke on the role of college fraternities in the post-war era.

One of the unique phases of the strain of the serious work accomplished at the conclave of the several thousand Sigma men by its host chapter, Xi Zeta of St. Louis, and 46 Greek letter organizations were received by the conclave calling for:

1. The immediate enactment of a permanent FEPC.
2. Abolition of segregation in all branches of the Armed Forces and veterans facilities.
3. Passage of Anti-Poll Tax Legislation.
4. A statement of government policy against restrictive covenants.
5. Equal educational facilities throughout America.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were:

President: George A. Parker, dean of Terrell Law school, Washington, D. C.

Vice president: E. H. Clemmons, Philadelphia.

Secretary - treasurer: Dr. George H. Hightower, Atlanta.

Chairman, Social Action committee: Atty. George A. Blakey, Chicago.

Chairman, Better Business committee: James A. (Billboard) Jackson, New York City.

The Sigma conclave voted to hold its 1946 session in New Orleans.

N.Y. SURGEON AWARDED PHI BETA SIGMA SCROLL

Chicago Defender. Ill.

Dr. George D. Thorpe, second from left, noted New York City surgeon, last week became the initial recipient of the scroll to be awarded annually by the Epsilon Sigma chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity to the individual accomplishing most during a one-year period. Dr. Clarence Pair, second from right, made the presentation at the Harlem YMCA Little Theater. Others at the ceremony were, left to right: Billboard Jackson and B. Franklin Vaughn, president of Epsilon Sigma chapter.

Phi Beta Sigmas Hit Injustices

Daily World Atlanta, Ga.

ST. LOUIS—(ANP)—Racial injustices were lambasted here last week during the 13th conclave of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, attended by 196 delegates from 69 chapters throughout the country.

The better part of the Sigma's program centered around the work of its two major committees, Bigger and Better Negro business and Social Action committees. The latter is pledged to integrate the efforts and resources of several thousand Sigma men throughout the country into the Negro's total struggle for full citizenship in America.

CONCLAVE RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions adopted by the conclave were:

1. The immediate enactment of a permanent FEPC law.
2. Abolition of segregation in all branches of the armed forces and veteran facilities.
3. Passage of anti-poll tax legislation.
4. A statement of government policy against restrictive covenants.
5. Equal educational facilities throughout America.

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The Sigmas will hold their 1946 conclave in New Orleans, Parker said.

18th 'Boule' Get-Together Draws Nation's Leaders

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Members of Sigma Pi Phi Families Honor Deceased, Relax During 3-Day Conclave

Gamma Chapter of Sigma Pi Phi, which played host to the 18th biennial convocation of the fraternity at Morgan State College, brought to town last week end an aggregation of outstanding individuals that makes the convocation roster read like a "Who's Who in Colored America."

More than 425 persons, including the wives and children of countless members, attended the three-day conclave, which had more the air of a friendly inter-family get-together than that of the orthodox convention.

Council of Chiefs

The fraternity is best known as "The Boule," the word derived from Greek—meaning "a legislative council of elders or chiefs" . . . and that is exactly what the boule was.

To be elected to the organization, an individual must have made some outstanding contribution in his field, but must also be what electing members consider "a good fellow."

The nation's leading lawyers, doctors, engineers, scientists, sociologists, educators, and other professionals are included in the organization's select membership.

Marked by Informality

However, the conclave here is far-removed from the layman's conception of the atmosphere that prevails around the members whom most people know only as a name or a reputation.

Significantly, many of the members from chapters scattered throughout the nation know other members only by name or reputation until they meet at grand sessions like that being held here last week.

The organization prides itself, therefore, that introductions loose the formality almost immediately and even the women are calling each other by their first names within a few hours time.

30 Children Present

The conclave is markedly informal. Members are encouraged to bring their families, and host chapters provide as much entertainment for the children as for delegates and visitors.

Supervised by Misses Welhelmena Reed and Elizabeth Smith, there are over 30 children, 3 to 17, accompanying their parents at the meeting.

Social affairs for the conclave have included a garden party, formal dance, luncheon, bridge party and smoker and was highlighted by an outing at Beachwood Park on Friday afternoon.

Memorial Service Held

On Friday morning, a memorial service was held for members who have died since the last conclave, with Dr. Charles Wesley, president of Wilberforce University, as speaker.

Noted among these were:

John C. Asbury and W. Harry Barnes of Philadelphia; Howard E. Young, Daniel C. Brown and William H. Wright of Baltimore; James Francis Gregory, Lafayette M. Hershaw, William J. Thompkins and B. Price Hurst of Washington; Christopher C. Cook, Richmond.

Most Sessions Closed

Business sessions and most of the organization's other activities are closed to both the press and public.

National officers are Emmett J Scott, Washington, archon megistos; J. H. S. Evans, Washington grammateus megistos; Robert L Jones, megistos archon rhetoricos J. R. Porter, Atlanta, megistos archon agogos; George F. David Wilberforce, Ohio, grapter megistos.

The late Dr. William H. Wright of Baltimore, was thesauristes megistos.

Baltimore's Gamma Chapter serving as hosts, is headed by Carrington L. Davis, sire archon; Dallas Nicholas, grammateus, and Samuel R. Morsell, thesauristes.

Attendants at the conclave include:

BALTIMORE

Messrs. and Mesdames John L Berry, William L. Berry, Benjamin F Brown, Carrington L. Davis, Lucius A Butler, Thomas I. Brown, Ralph V Cook, Mason A. Hawkins, Thomas S Hawkins, George A. Grant;

Messrs. and Mesdames D. O. W Holmes, Samuel R. Morsell, George W. F. McMechen, Albert O. Reid Dallas F. Nicholas, P. D. G. Pennington, Edward N. Wilson, Isaac H. Young, Albert A. Smith, D. Grant Scott, and B. K. Bruce.

Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, Highland Beach, Md.

PHILADELPHIA

Mr. and Mr.s Arthur T. and Sallie Boyer; Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond, Mary and Rae Pace Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Courtney and Taner G. Duckrey, Eugene T. Hinson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Waring; Mr. and Mrs Horace and Sarah Scott; Mrs. Charlotte Sutton, and Mrs. Mary Sutton Moorer.

WASHINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick D. Gregory, Mrs. J. Francis Gregory, Miss Nora D. Gregory, Miss Estelle T. Duke, James A. Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. B. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Frank R Jones;

George E. C. Hayes. Galo P., Barbara and Ellen Hilyer; Mr. and Mrs. William C. McNeill, Howard H. Long, Mrs. Cordelia Wharton, Emmett J. Scott, Campbell C. Johnson, Mrs. Jennie T. and Jean Wilder, Miss Amy Tate, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie F. Thompkins.

NEW YORK

Mr. and Mrs. Nathieu V. Butte Mrs. O. W. Lomax, Mr. and Mrs W. E. B. DuBois, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Granady, Mr. and Mrs. Peter M. Murray, Mrs. Yoland D. and DuBois Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Julia A. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter N. Bookman Brooklyn, Mr. and Mrs. Chester W. Jeanne and Genevieve Chinn, Long Island.

DETROIT

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. and Pearl Doris Cleage, Mr. and Mrs. Parker B Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius L Henderson, Ernest W. H. Johnson, Mrs Carrie A. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd A. Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. William T and Claudia Love, Mr. and Mrs. Percival R. Piper.

CHICAGO

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ernest and Julian B. Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. Oswald B. Braithwaite, Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. and Carroll Shephard.

VIRGINIA

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Segear, Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo M. Myster, and Mr. and Mrs Harry W. Roberts, Petersburg; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. and Louis Hunter, Virginia State College; Mr. and Mrs. Winston Douglas, Norfolk.

NORTH CAROLINA

Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Daniel, Raleigh, N.C.

PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen R. and Stephanie Stanford, Norristown; Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Atkinson, Bryn Mawr; Mr. and Mrs. Russell F., Russell Jr., and Raymond Minton, Ardmore; Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Carroll, A. R. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley G. King, Pittsburgh; Mr. and Mrs Lancess, Betty Arm and Lancess McKnight Jr., Media.

NEW JERSEY

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carr, Newark; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Valentine Bordentown; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice A. Curtis, Paterson; Mr. and Mrs. Fleming H. Norris, East Paterson; Mr. and Mrs. J. Leroy Jordan, Elizabeth.

OHIO

Mr. and Mrs. George F., Janice and Olivette David; Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Wesley, Allyson W. Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Warrick, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Pyrtle, Wilberforce;

William O Stokes, Mr. and Mrs. B. Andrew Rose, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Parsons Jr., Dayton; Mr. and Mrs. Nathan K. Christopher, Charles H. Garvin, Carroll Gassaway, Russell Davis, W. W. Whitfield, Mrs. Fern Glenn, Miss Selma C. Glenn, Ethel, Harold T. and Margaret Gassaway, Cleveland;

L. R. Hill, Toledo; Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Carter, J. Arnett Mitchell Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mosby, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur K. Lawrence, Miss Estella Godman, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. and Portia Tribbett, Columbus.

CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Jackson, B. A. Jordan, Eugene G. Johnson, Claudius Ballard, Wilfred A. Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Somerville, R. S. Whittaker, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Havens Newman and son, Oakland.

WEST VIRGINIA

Mr. and Mrs. T. Gillis Nutter, Miss Mamie J. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. M., Cleona nad W. M. Hall Jr., Andrew H. Brown, Charleston;

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison H. Ferrell, Mr and Mrs. John W. and Caroline Davis, Mr. and Mrs. William J. L. and Eleanor Wallace, Institute.

ARKANSAS

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. and J. E. Burke Jr., Forest City; Mr. and Mrs. Frederick P. Lytes, Pine Bluff; Mr. and Mrs. I. T. and Dorothy Gilliam, Little Rock; Mr. and Mrs, G. W. S and Lucille Ish, Little Rock.

TENNESSEE

Charles S. Johnson, Mrs. W. T Francis, Mr. and Mrs. George W. and Pearl Gore, Vincent Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. George N. Redd, Nashville; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Roulhac, Mrs. Ernest W. Irving, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. McCleave, W. D., Marion and Mirnonette Speight, Memphis.

OTHER CITIES

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. and Jenelsie Walden, J. R. Porter, Kemper and Miss Josephine Harreld, Atlanta; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence F. and Rosemary Holmes, Denver, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. H. Council, Archousa and Edwyna Holmes; Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Hall, Montgomery, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond W, and Shirley Connor, Minneapolis, Minn.;

Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Brown, Kansas City, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Bell, Wichta, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace B. Christian, St. Louis; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel P. Stafford. St. Louis; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. and Eleanor Bell Birmingham, Ala.

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Browsing at 'Boule' How Visitors Tip

By VINCENT TUBBS

Sat. 8-31-46 BALTIMORE

Delegates to the 18th biennial conclave of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, better known as "The Boule," get a service out of local [redacted] shops that hometowners dare not demand.

Wearing apparel collected at 10 a.m. on a given day is returned by 2 p.m. the same day . . . cleaned and pressed.

The housing problem gave the host chapter something of a headache during early stages of registration. Some 200 persons were expected, it seems, but more than 400 showed up—bag, baggage, children and all.

How Visitors Tip

About this business of tipping: Waiters in the conclave dining room have to pick their people if they want good tips. They earn $5 a day but still like tips.

Seems the theory of why people tip lavishly doesn't apply here for the story goes that guys who throw around dollar tips are trying to impress waiters so they'll be remembered when they come back again.

Members of the boule don't have to worry about being remembered. They're already the nation's best known names—and they're probably not coming back to Morgan anyway.

I Want Mama

Some of the children don't like the boule meeting because they don't get to see their parents very often.

Mary Alexander, Philly, tricked authorities Friday though, by having breakfast and lunch with her parents in spite of the rule that children eat separately.

Elizabeth Smith, who is in charge of the children, says the problem next biggest to that of getting them to bed is keeping them from screaming their heads off for their mothers.

Attitude Toward Press

GET THIS: The "Boule" is made up of the most outstanding men in all professional fields who, as an added stipulation, must be "regular fellows," but no newspaperman or publisher is a member.

What is more, the organization discourages publicity about its grand conclave. Though some of the members may be, the organization doesn't want to be, papermade. The Afro-American

Among delegates there are five goatees. Baltimore, Md.

That of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois is the most striking but Dr. Peter Murray of NYC, Arthur T. Boyer of Philly, Gideon Brown of Kansas City, and A. R. Taylor of Pittsburgh have nice tufts. Sat. 8-31-46

Veterans and Youth

Six college presidents are in attendance at the sessions, including Davis of West Virginia, Trenholm of Alabama State, Bond of Lincoln, and Holmes of Morgan.

J. Ernest Wilkins Jr., mathematical genius who earned the doctorate at 19, is the youngest members of the organization.

UNPRINTABLE: Some delegate's gas bill followed him to the conclave in his forwarded mail.

Highly discouraged is any dissemination of information about the organization's financial status but, just for the record, invoices for $1000 are paid off without a blink of the eye.

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Fraternity (White)

Texan admitted to educational frat

A Texas educator flew here last week to be initiated into the University of Southern California chapter of Phi Delta Kappa fraternity, national Greek letter education society.

He is I. B. Bryant, principal of Booker T. Washington high school at Houston, who has been studying for his doctorate at USC.

The first Negro ever accorded membership in the S. C. chapter of the fraternity, Bryant's selection was made on the basis of his attainments in the field of education, the sponsors said. The Texan holds degrees from Fisk and Kansas university, and has published two histories, one on the public schools of Houston and the other on the Negro in Texas.

Phi Delta Kappas Back NNC Petition

CHICAGO — (ANP) — Closing a three-day regional conference here last week, Phi Delta Kappa Sorority went on record in support of the National Negro Congress petition to the United Nations organization to halt the oppression fo 13,000,000 colored citizens in the United States.

A copy of the resolution was sent to President Truman.

The midwestern confab, meeting here with Mu chapter as hostess, also denounced anti-strike legislation, urged continuation of OPA for the welfare of fixed income groups, voiced opposition to the continued subjugation of Colonial peoples, and resolved that our government break diplomatic relations with Franco Spain.

Urge Wider Study

Mrs. Idell Umbles, chairman of the resolution committee, emphasized a need for awareness on the part of teachers of their moral obligation to increase knowledge on world affairs, and to impart that knowledge to students.

Others participating in the conference were:

Gertrude Robinson, supreme basileus; Thelma Parker, regional director; Oneida Cockrell, basileus of Mu chapter; and Ethel Alpenfels, noted University of Chicago anthropologist, who was guest speaker at an open meeting on Sunday.

4 Educators Named to Phi Delta Kappa

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — (ANP) —Four prominent educators have been elected recently to, and in-

ducted in, Phi Delta Kappa Fra-

ternity. Omega Chapter at the University of Michigan here performed the rites. They were:

Edward N. Palmer, Ph.D., professor of sociology, Fisk University, and visiting professor in sociology at this year's summer session at the University of Michigan; Sam Shepard, doctoral candidate in education, and principal of Carr School, St. Louis;

Tuskegeeian Honored

Thomas S. Martin, M.A., science teacher, Booker Washington High School, Columbia, S.C.; and James J. Flood, doctoral candidate in education, and personnel director, Tuskegee Institute.

Phi Delta Kappa was founded at Indiana University in 1906, and as the oldest national professional fraternity in education, has more than 100 chapters in various universities and colleges.

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Sororities (Alpha Kappa Alpha)

Mrs. Wallace Is Sorority Speaker At Tuskegee

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—Mrs. Arnetta Gravely Wallace of Knoxville, Tenn., regional director for the Southeast of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, was principal speaker here when on January 13 Beta Xi Chapter of Tuskegee Institute celebrated the thirty-eighth anniversary of the founding of the organization. The program was held in the institute chapel.

After an introduction by Mrs. Clara E. Williams, basileus of Beta Xi Omega, Mrs. Wallace reviewed the history of the sorority in two distinct periods: the first twenty years being characterized as the period of exclusiveness and the second period distinguished by an ever-increasing awareness of social needs which fostered the Mississippi Health project, the national non-partisan lobby and the national health project.

AIDS NATIONAL LOBBY

During the war with its effects upon Negro status, Alpha Kappa Alpha, reported Mrs. Wallace, has concentrated on the non-partisan lobby organized in Washington, D. C., for the dual purpose of discouraging legislation unfavorable to Negroes and promoting legislation which will help to secure for the Negro full participation as an American citizen.

The national health program organized in 1945 under the leadership of Mrs. Estelle Massey Ridley is designed to promote better use of health agencies by Negroes through an extended health education program promoted by the individual chapters under the supervision of Soror Flora Chisholm now on tour to visit personally each of the 41 chapters of the southeastern region in her capacity as health consultant. In addition a survey of health facilities of Texas, Mississippi and Louisiana is being carried on by Soror Mildred Handy, appointed January, 1946.

Mrs. Wallace is director of music at Green Junior High School in Knoxville, chairman of the Girl Scout Leaders Association and active in many other civic affairs.

Gets USES Post

MRS. THOMASINA JOHNSON, head of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Non-Partisan Council, who was appointed chief of the minority groups section in the U.S. Employment Service in Washington last week. The post pays $7775 a year. She succeeds Ben Wilson who resigned.

Tuskegee Beta XI AKA Wing Marks 38th Anniversary

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Mrs. Arnetta Gravely Wallace of Knoxville, Tenn., regional director for the Southeast Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, was principal speaker here last week when Beta Xi Chapter of Tuskegee Institute celebrated the 38th anniversary of the founding of the organization in Institute Chapel.

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OUTSTANDING AKA WOMEN

Mrs. Irene Graves whose unusual educational background has equipped her for 21 years in Detroit public schools. Mrs. Nellie Watts reads during a leisure moment. She is executive secretary of the Patrons of the Arts and sponsor of Nellie Watts Concerts.

Sorority Women Make Contributions

By NAOMI L. WITHERSPOON

First in a Series

This is the first of a series on he accomplishments of outstanding women of various sororities n Detroit. Following this story on ive members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority to be continued in he next issue, the contributions of nembers of other sororities will oe included.

By Culture and Merit

Throughout the years the motto of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, "By Culture and By Merit," has been evident in the lives of its members in Detroit whose achievements are well known here.

Outstanding in Detroit

Most outstanding AKA's in Detroit—Nellie Watts, Irene Graves, Beulah T. Whitby, Geraldine Bledsoe, and Jeanetta Welch Brown, to name only a few—have made contributions to the community which many have recognized as fine and honorable examples for young womanhood to follow.

Aside from the national projects of the sorority—the National Health project, the Gamma House in Illinois, the foreign fellowships, and the Non-Partisan Council on Public Affairs—local members have made outstanding contributions in such fields as medicine, social work, education, the arts, science, health, police work. journalism, law and politics.

Nellie Watts Begins Series

Detroiters who for ten years have enjoyed the concerts rendered by such artists as Marian Anderson, Paul Robeson, Dorothy Maynor, Anne Brown, Todd Duncan, and Ellabelle Davis, have expressed gratitude for such superb entertainment in Detroit to the foresight and adventurous spirit of Miss Nellie Watts. Only through her willingness to "take a chance" on something new that the masses might come face to face with art have the Nellie Watts Concerts weathered the storm through the early years of reluctant patrons, skeptical audiences, and that old human fear of the unfamiliar.

Ten years ago Miss Watts accepted full responsibilities, financial as well as otherwise, to bring to Detroit's Orchestra hall the unequalled voice of Marian Anderson. This concert being a success, Miss Watts undertook another concert the following year with only the moral support of a small committee to aid her. The success of these concerts was repeated in subsequent years until the venture grew too big for one person to handle.

Patrons Organized

Other organizations having their own programs, the Patrons of the Arts were organized three years ago in the offices of The Michigan Chronicle. The original small group, meeting at Paradise Bowl, grew to 165. The meetings were then held at the YWCA until, two years ago, an office was opened at 5461 Brush. There are now more than 500 Patrons of the Arts.

This organization guarantees the purchase of tickets at reduced rates to three concerts sponsored annually by Nellie Watts, and a book by a distinguished author. The Patrons also contribute to other organizations which further interest in the arts. Miss Watts told the Chronicle that, contrary to common belief, the Patrons of the Arts, of which she is executive director, do not sponsor the concerts with which Detroiters are so familiar. As at the outset ten years ago, Miss Watts still assumes the financial responsibility of this venture and is its sole sponsor. The Patrons guarantee the purchase of tickets from her.

Native of Atlanta

A native of Atlanta, Nellie Watts, blue-eyed and good natured, has taught in Detroit for 25 years. She is a graduate of Atlanta university and Detroit Teachers college, and a teacher at Duffield school. After a typical day in the classroom, she spends four or five hours in her office on Brush.

Twenty-three years ago Miss Watts helped to organize Xi chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, the first chapter to be formed in Detroit.

Fraternal organizations, Miss Watts believes, have a big job to do. "It is possible to make of them a positive, constructive force in the community and to develop in them a sense of community leadership," she stated in an interview with the Chronicle; "people don't have to be clannish because they belong to a sorority."

Irene Graves Studies

Twenty-one years ago Mrs. Irene Graves began a teaching career in Detroit. Although she embarked upon this career with no degree, she firmly believed that excellent training was necessary if she was to carry on her job effectively. She spent her evenings and summers in diligent study at McGill university in Montreal, the University of Colorado, Middlebury college in Vermont, Wayne university, the University of Minnesota, the University of Michigan and the Sorbonne in France, majoring in French and minoring in Spanish. Also a leave of absence enabled her to study at the University of Paris.

St. Louis born, Mrs. Graves has been living in Detroit for 30 years and has been teaching social studies, despite her unusual background in foreign languages, in the Detroit school system for 21 years.

In 1930 after the first of her two educational trips to Europe, she was made into the Detroit undergraduate chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha and was Great Lakes Regional director of the sorority from 1938 to 1940. She has traveled extensively throughout the United States.

Does Intercultural Work

Her study at the University of Colorado was done when, just before the riot in 1942, the Conference of Christians and Jews and the NAACP selected her to do intercultural work. Evidence of her participation in civic affairs is seen in her work with the West Side Human Relations council, of which she was program chairman last year, the educational program and membership drives of the NAACP,

Mrs. Beulah T. Whitby, national basileus of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority since 1941, was born Lynchburg, Va., coming to Detroit in 1925.

Having done her undergraduate study at Oberlin, Mrs. Whitby obtained the master of social work tained the master of social work student at Colby in New Hampshire.

Two daughters complete the family; one is still attending public schools while the other is the only Negro student at the University of Michigan and is at present working on her doctorate.

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Sorority Women Make Contributions

By NAOMI L. WITHERSPOON

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Beulah Whitby, National Basileus

restricted to fraternal organizations. She further believes that, where a broad social program is being undertaken, such organizations must of necessity draw lines in order to maintain the high standards which symbolize the very purpose of the organization.

Believes in Security

Mrs. Geraldine Bledsoe, a native of North Carolina, came from Freehold, N.J., to Detroit in 1925. Having been made into Alpha Kappa Alpha at Howard university, she continued her studies at the University of Michigan, majoring in German.

Believing that economic security is basic in being a good American, Mrs. Bledsoe has sought to help those who find difficulty in obtaining this security despite their capabilities. She is a board member of the Urban league, vice president of the Citizens' Housing and Planning organization, and a member of the National Council of Negro Women. She is employed by the United States Employment service.

Mrs. Bledsoe is the wife of Atty. Harold E. Bledsoe, first cousin of Jules Bledsoe of "Show Boat" fame. The Bledsoes have a son in high school, a daughter at the University of Michigan who has recently been made into the sorority and a daughter at Howard university who is a member of the Ivy Leaf Pledge club.

Mrs. Bledsoe likes to attend the legitimate theatre.

"Sororities Are Good"

"Sororities are a good thing," Mrs. Bledsoe stated to the Chronicle, "as long as they realize the necessity of changing their program to meet the changing needs of life. They should concern the masses or they should not exist." She further stated her opinion that they should not be so exlusive as they are.

"When I was in college," she said, "I realized the positive influence of sororities among students in that we all were eager to do our best work in order to measure up to the standards of the group. However, there are also potentialities of negative experiences for many who do not attain their goal."

Mrs. Jeanetta Welch Brown came to Detroit from Atlanta, Ga., in 1928. She obtained her bachelor's degree in business administration at Tennessee State college and is now pursuing a bachelor of laws degree at the University of Detroit law school.

Mrs. Brown, the wife of Milton Brown, a veteran of World War II, has held an interesting assortment of positions including that of executive secretary of the National Council of Negro Women. She was also legislative representative for the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority (National Non-Partisan council) from 1940 to 1942.

Mrs. Brown has been director of Women's Special Activities for the National Democratic committee during the 1944 campaign, president and executive secretary of the Detroit Association of Women's clubs, women's editor for the Michigan Chronicle, secretary to store supervisors of the Michigan Liquor Control commission and chairman of the AKA Non-Partisan council in Detroit.

Named one of the 16 outstanding women in America by Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Mrs. Brown is a member of the NAACP, the United Office and Professional Workers of America, CIO, Coordinating Committee for Building Better Race Relations, Roosevelt Democratic club, of which she is second vice president, the Motor City Press club, the Order of the Eastern Star and IBPOE.

These are only a part of the many activities of Jeanetta Welch Brown who is at present democratic nominee for state representative.

Attractively attired with a stunning chapeau setting off her costume, Mrs. Brown proudly told the Chronicle that the hat was her own creation and that designing her own hats is her most interesting hobby.

Alphas Initiate White Student

The Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Sat. 7-6-46

CHICAGO—A white senior in the School of Dentistry at the University of Illinois has been initiated into Theta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity here. He is Bernard Levin of 185 S. Hamlin Avenue, a first generation American, whose parents are Russian.

Levin was sponsored by John H. Mims, an Urban League official and member of the Alpha Chapter. A change in the fraternity's constitution at the last national meeting made Levin's membership possible.

CIVIC LEADER, HUSBAND CALL MARRIAGE HALT

The Chronicle
Detroit, Mich.
Sat. 11-2-46

Mrs. Beulah Whitby And Husband File Suppressed Bill

A suppressed bill has been filed in Wayne County Circuit Court petitioning for the dissolution of the marriage of Dr. Charles and Mrs. Beulah T. Whitby, 358 Josephine.

Mrs. Whitby is assistant director of the Detroit Interracial Committee, an instructor in sociology at Wayne University and former national basileus of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

She was born in Lynchburg, Va., and came to Detroit in 1925.

A graduate of Oberlin College Mrs. Whitby also holds a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan. She is now working on the PhD degree at that same institution.

The Chronicle

One Of Three

As instructor in social work at Wayne University, Mrs. Whitby is one of three Negroes now working in that capacity at that institution.

Dr. Charles Whitby is a graduate of Meharry Medical College and is one of Detroit's leading dentists. He has practiced in the city for approximately 20 years.

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The Whitbys have two daughters, Charlita and Patricia. Charlita is a student at Colby College in New Hampshire.

Detroit, Mich.

Social Highlights

The debuts of the two Whitby girls were leading social events of the last two social seasons.

Mrs. Whitby is recognized as one of the leading women of the nation.

MRS. VANN, HONORARY AKA

The Courier Pittsburgh
Sat. 8-24-46

We would like to congratulate the AKA sorors on their choice of honorary members . . . Mrs. Robert L. Vann, our friend . . . and Mrs. Clarissa Clement, the Mother of 1946. Two fine women to add to the illustrious names already inscribed on their rolls. Out in Los Angeles, Edna Over Gray of Baltimore, Md., succeeded Beulah Whitby of Detroit . . . and somehow, we feel regret at the passing of the baton of leadership from Mrs. Whitby . . . not because we don't think Mrs. Gray will not do a good job. We know she will, or she wouldn't have been chosen to guide the destinies of such a splendid group of women. But because Mrs. Whitby has been in the AKA saddle ever since we became women's editor . . . and some of our first stories dealt with her administration, her charm, her work throughout the country . . . we have a sentimental regard for her and wish her well in her succeeding posts with the sorority.

AKA Extends Membership To Women Of All Races

The Defender Chicago, Ill.
Sat. 10-12-46

JERSEY CITY—Alpha Kappa Alpha, oldest Negro Woman's Greek letter organization in the world, at its recent Boule in Los Angeles, reversed a 26 year ruling, to open its membership to all eligible women regardless of race, color or creed.

This was the report brought back from Los Angeles b the Jersey City delegate, Teresa Staats, of Bordentown. Introduced by New Jersey's new basileus soror, Una Janifer, Miss Staats gave comprehensive report to state members of AKA.

The Los Angeles meeting took as its theme, Miss Staats said, "Peace Building In One World," and the Non-Partisan Council on Public Affairs arranged an exhibition symbolizing the achievements of many countries on the "Peace Front," in keeping with the theme.

The sorority's projects for the year will be more extensive in scale, beginning with a greater health program, more activities by the Non-Partisan council and renewed emphasis on problems of The health project, begun in 1934 youth and human relationships. as a volunteer service in Mississippi, will be carried on in other countries. Housing is to command attention with a view to greater cooperation in dormitories on northern campuses.

A Non-Partisan-sponsored symposium on "New Techniques For Building Better Human Relationships" included talks on "Religion and the Church," by Dr. Raymond Booth, who asked that churches be thrown open to all races; "Politics and Citizenship Rights," by Congresswoman Helen G. Douglas, who emphasized that minority groups must use their full strength to change the machinery of politics in the best interests of their communities; labor relations, discussed by Reginald Jones, of Lockheed Air Craft Co., who urged all to fight for integration and for the continued increase of opportunities for minority groups; housing, by Loren Miller, an attorney, who urged support of Congressional bills to provide adequate homes and a stern fight against restrictive covenants, and similar unconstitutional discrimination.

Discussing education, Stanley Bergman said that all unscientific notions of differences between races should be vehemently discouraged, and Atalea, noted Indian, urged that all minorities learn to understand each other and work together for a greater justice for all. Father George Dunn urged more socializing with those of other races, especially in community organizations.

At a public meeting at the University of California at Los Angeles, the Supreme Basileus, Beulah T. Whitby, of Detroit, spoke on "New Frontiers in Human Relations."

During the many sessions, throughout which Los Angeles offered great hospitality, churches and other Greek letter groups extended greetings and offered broadcast facilities.

Mrs. Clarissa Clements, recently named "Mother of the Year," and Mrs. Robert S. Vann, owner of the Pittsburgh Courier, were cited as two women whose contributions to national life had been outstanding.

The next Boule will be in Cleveland.

National offices were well distributed: Edna Over Gray, Baltimore, national basileus; Lenora C. Lane, Wilberforce, vice president; Dorothy Redd, Los Angeles, second vice president; Elizabeth Johnson, Louisville, corresponding secretary; Irma Clark, Chicago, treasurer; Pearl Mitchell, parliamentarian; Zenobia Allen, Los Angeles, secretary; Thelma Gorham, Berkeley, editor-in-chief of Ivy Leaf.

Regional officers are: North Atlantic, Leathe Hemachandra, N.Y.; Far Western, Audrey B. Jones, Los Angeles; Great Lakes, Ruth Thomas, Wilberforce; South Central, Zephie Brooks; Midwestern, Robbie T. Davis, and Central, Lucille Watkins.

Mrs. Edna Over Gray of Baltimore Elected Grand Basileus of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority at 26th Boule

Kansas City, Mo.
The Call
9-13-46

LOS ANGELES.—(PPS)—Mrs. Edna Over Gray, Baltimore school teacher, was elected national president of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority Tuesday as the twenty-sixth annual AKA boule closed here after one of the most interesting parleys in the organization's history.

Mrs. Gray, a member of the Douglass high school staff in Baltimore, is former president of the Maryland League of Women's clubs and has held the position of AKA supreme grammateus on two occasions.

She is a graduate of the University of Kansas, received her master's from New York university and did additional work at the University of Pennsylvania and Columbia university.

Other officers are: Leonora Carrington Lane, first vice president; Thelma Thurston-Gorham, editor of publication, "Peace Building in One World," followed an impassioned plea on the part of the retiring president; C. Elizabeth Johnson, Berkeley, was elected secretary; Zenobia Allen, national corresponding secretary; Irma Clark, Chicago, treasurer; L. Pearl Mitchell, parliamentarian.

Abolishing a tradition that has been in existence since the sorority's 1946 boule meeting with the sorority's 1946 boule in Los Angeles, Mrs. Beulah T. Whitby, Honorary president of Detroit, was elected by acclamation. 8-23-46

26 years ago, memberships were granted Mrs. Robert S. Vann of Pittsburgh and Mrs. Clarissa Clement, famous for having been the more than 600 delegates who attended the Los Angeles convention at the time, regardless of race, creed, color or national origin.

Next year's boule will be held in Cleveland during August.

Heads Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

The Afro-American

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Baltimore, Md. MRS. EDNA OVER GRAY, Sat. 8-24-46
of Baltimore, former president of the Maryland League of Women's Clubs, who was elected national president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, last Tuesday, as the twenty-sixth annual boule closed in Los Angeles, Calif. Mrs. Gray, who is a member of the staff of Douglass High School, Baltimore, has held the post of supreme grammateus on two occasions.

A.K.A. Open to All Races

The Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

LOS ANGELES, Calif.— Abolishing a tradition that has been in existence since the sorority was formed 26 years ago, the 600 delegates to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority boule voted to open membership to all races, here, Tuesday.

The move in keeping with the sorority's 1946 boule theme "Peace Building in One World," followed a plea made by the retiring president, Mrs. Beulah T. Whitby of Detroit.

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Mrs. Edna Over Gray of Baltimore was elected national president at the same session. Other officers named were:

Lenora C. Lane, Wilberforce, Ohio, first vice-president; Dorothy Reed, Los Angeles, second vice-president; C. Elizabeth Johnson, Louisville, Ky., corresponding secretary; Irma Clark, treasurer; and L. Pearl Mitchell, parliamentarian.

Directors Listed

Regional directors elected were: Audrey B. Jones, War Western; Leathe Hemachandra, North Atlantic; Ruth Thomas, Great Lakes; Zephie C. Brooks, South Central; Robbie Turner Davis, Mid Western; and Lucille Wilkins, Central.

Thelma Thurston Gorham of Berkeley was elected editor of the official AKA publication, "The Ivy Leaf."

Two Honorary Members

Honorary memberships were granted to Mrs. Robert S. Vann of Pittsburgh, and to Mrs. Clarissa Clements, recently named "Mother of the Year."

Study Living Techniques

The first of two public sessions was concerned with "New Techniques for Building Better Human Relations," and was held at the Unitarian Center.

G. Raymond Booth, executive secretary of the Council for Civic Unity, spoke on religion and the church; Stanley Bergeman, co-chairman of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, discussed education and how it affects minority groups.

Highlight of the program was an address by Congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas, who flew from Washington in order to address the boule. She stressed that minority groups use only a small proportion of their actual strength in fighting for a better life.

"When minorities use the power that is theirs, the entire power, then you can look for a change overnight," she said. "I disagree with those who say this business of racial adjustment must take a long time to work itself out. It may, but it doesn't have to."

Miss Miller Speaks

Others who participated on the panel were:

Loren Miller, who spoke on restrictive covenants and housing; Miss Ataloa, American Indian lecturer, who spoke on "Relation of Minority Groups to Each Other"; Father George H. Dunne of Loyola University, who acted as master of ceremonies; Mrs. Leathe Hemachandra of New York City, who read a special paper prepared by Dr. Ruth Benedict, anthropologist, who was unable to be present.

The program was sponsored by the AKA National Non-Partisan Councli on Public Affairs, Miss Norma Boyd of Washington, D.C., director.

The second public meeting was a cultural affair staged at Royce Hall on the campus of the University of California of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Beulah T. Whitby spoke on the subject: "New Frontiers in Human Relations." Catherina Jarboro, internationally famous operatic singer; Gladys Childress, concert pianist and Lois Towles, concert pianist from Fisk University, were featured.

Social Calendar

The dazzling social calendar included a adnce at the Riverside Rancho, sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in honor of their fellow Greek letter sisters, on Thursday; the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity entertained the sorors with an outing and barbecue at Val Verde, 50 miles from Los Angeles, on Friday; on Saturday, the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity played host with a moonlight picnic at Cabrillo Beach; on Sunday, the sorors spoke at churches and over local radio stations and during the same period, Chi Eta Phi, nurses' sorority, entertained with a coffee at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Hardiman;

Sunday afternoon a garden reception at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J A. Somerville followed immediately by a musical soiree Sunday night by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at the Los Angeles Police Academy. Monday evening, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and its sister sorority, Zeta Phi Beta, sponsored a cocktail party at the Hollywood home of Dr. C. W. Hill, president of the Sigmas.

This was followed by the closed formal dance at Pasadena Municipal Auditorium. On Tuesday was the closed banquet, preceded by the final business session and election of officers. On Wednesday, Aug. 14, a sightseeing tour around the city and film studios was conducted followed by a luncheon at Pilgrim House Community Center.

Post Boule Week End

After one week of business and fun in the City of the Angeles, the delegates split into three groups, more or less to trek back across the country. This being the first trip to the Far West for most of the delegates they were all agreed that they would make the most of it.

One group left immediately for Mexico City in Old Mexico. Another group left for San Francisco, where the Greek sororities of land and San Francisco) are plan- North California Bay Area (Oakning another week of parties and activities for the AKA sorors. And still another group is remaining in the Los Angeles area for several weeks with trips planned into Old Mexico and a return by the Northern route via Canada.

To Cleveland Next Year

Next year's boule will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, during August

The delegates included 43 from Chicago; 22 from Kansas City, Kans.; 16 from Detroit, the home of the former president, Beulah T. Whitby, and included among Detroit delegates was Mrs. Jane Matney, therapist for the national famed "mad pianist" at the Wayne County General Hospital; over 100 from the State of Texas; 12 from St. Louis and Indianapolis.

The 10 delegates from Baltimore were:

Elizabeth S. Allen and Rosalind M. Allen, Flossie Dedmond, Edna Over Gray, Eugenia R. Hardy, Vernice D. Matthews, Lillian M. Parrott, Dellaphine J. Warrington, Maude L. William and Viola W. Wright.

Other delegates were:

Philadelphia—Blanche W. Anderson, Verona E. Beckette, Valeria E. Caldwell, Ida Coker Clark, Bertha W. DeShields, Betty C. Fearonee, Edna W. Griffin, Ruth W. Hayre, Ruth Scott, Nancy Yancey, Jessie M. Watkins;

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Washington—Artie G. Bell, Norma E. Boyd, Thelma J. Bryant, Vermuta Dickson, Sophie Fowler, Henrietta Franklin, Portia Green, Eva T. Honesty, June F. Joice, Etta B. Lisemby, Eunice M. Matthews, Alice Peters Moore, Irene M. Wood;

Richmond, Va.—Lavinia J. Banks, Willie E. Cooke, Virginia E. Evans, Louise D. Edmunds, Charlotte R. Jefferies;

Norfolk, Va.—Emily S. Alston, Celestine E. Diggs, Vivian J. Riddick;

New York—Enid W. Carey, Flora B. Chisholm, Mallie Crater, Albertine T. Edmondson, Aloncita J. Flood, Althea Hamilton, Ozzuna Howard, Leathe Hemanchandra, Mamie Johnson, Carmen Jones, Grace E. Marr, Louise H. McDonald, Estelle Massey Riddle, Bertha M. Sawyer, Doris Scott, Gladys Scott, Lucille Simms, Evelyn Griffin, Evelyn W. Tiller;

New England—Rosemand E. Campbell, Boston; Gertrude E. Smith, Boston; Geraldyn Barker and Josephine Williams, Boston, Mass.; and Sylvia J. Oswell, Worcester, Mass.; also:

Alfred T. Anderson, Altanta, Ga.; Miriam Anderson, Tampa, Fla.; Lelia Barlow, State Teachers' College, Montgomery, Ala.; Rethea D. Beck, Nashvile, Tenn.;

Ethel Bellinger, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Carrie Bennings, Atlanta, Ga.; Margaret Blake, Tampa, Fla.; Alma Booth, Memphis, Tenn.; Gladyce H. Bradley, Hill Top, W.Va.; Alberta E. Calvin, Bluefield State, W.Va.; Mary Carter, Johnson City, Tenn.;

Ella Mae Davis, Charleston, W.Va.; Charlotte Dean, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.; Ivanetta H. Davis, A. & T. State, Nashville, Tenn.; Vervon Dumas, New Iberia, La.; Grazia B. Ferrell, W.Va. State, Institute, W.Va.; Naomi Flowe, Rock Hill, S.C.;

Mildred H. Freeman, Nashville, Tenn.; Memphis Garrison, Gary, W.Va.; Henrie Green, Knoxville, Tenn.; Claronell Griffin, St. Petersburg, Fla.;

Louise Guenveur, Charleston, S.C.; Clarie Collins, Harvey, Jackson, Miss.;

Jane Hemphill, Charlotte, N.C.; Margaret Herndon, Memphis, Tenn.; Irma G. Jackson, Shreveport, La.; Elizabeth Johnson, Louisville, Ky.; Lulu Johnson, W.Va. State College, Institute, W.Va.;

Bernice Jones, Durham, N.C.; Johnette W. Kelso, Memphis, Tenn.; Catherine Kraft, Baton Rouge, La.; Leonora C. Lane, Wilberforce, Ohio; Cornelia B. Lasley, Louisville, Ky.; Eloise Lewis, Memphis, Tenn.;

Victoria Louistall, Clarksburg, W.Va.; Cora Lumber, New Orleans, La.; Bernice Miller, Tampa, Fla.; Bessie Mulliens, Charlotte, N.C.; Permalier M. Dijoie, New Orleans, La.; Carrie Pembrook, Lane College, Jackson, Tenn.;

Ethel Perkins, Memphis, Tenn.; Bernice C. Plummer, Portsmouth, Va.; Georiga Robinson, Louisville, Ky.; Mabel W. Russell, Charlotte, N.C.; Elma Segue, New Orleans, La.; Wilhelmina Segue, New Orleans, La.;

Lee Anna Shelburne, Louisville, Ky.; Jacquelyn Slaughter, Danville, Va.; Alberta H. Snowden, Covington, Ky.; Margaret B. Southall, Portsmouth, Va.;

Toresa Staats, Bordentown, N.J.; Emma Stokes, Knoxville, Tenn.; Lois Towles, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.; Zatella R. Twiner, Va., State College, Petersburg, Va.; Abbie Vinson, Nashville, Tenn.;

Arnetta Walle, Knoxville, Tenn.; Gertrude Walker, Memphis, Tenn.; Ruth Waters, Portsmouth, Va: Messie M. Watkins, Philadelphia, Pa.; Agnes Adams Watts, New Orleans, La.; Mary G. Wilerson, Tuskegee, Ala.; Ema Wyatt, Birmingham, Ala.

AKA Provides $16,500 For National Projects

The Courier Pittsburgh, Pa.
Sat. 12-21-46

WILBERFORCE, Ohio—The advisory committee on national projects of the sorority for the year 1947. These projects include the Northeastern Region and chairman of the Regional Directors Council; gram of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Non-Partisan Council on Public Affairs, directed by Miss Mrs. Beulah T. Whitby, Detroit, ty met at Wilberforce University, Norma E. Boyd of Washington, Mich., former Supreme Basileus; Dec. 7, and considered plans, formulated policies and approved procedure for the national projects of the sorority for the year 1947. These projects include the Northeastern Region and chairman of the Regional Directors Council; gram of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Non-Partisan Council on Public Affairs, directed by Miss Mrs. Beulah T. Whitby, Detroit, ty met at Wilberforce University, Norma E. Boyd of Washington, Mich., former Supreme Basileus; Dec. 7, and considered plans, formulated policies and approved procedure for the national projects of the sorority for the year 1947. These projects include the Northeastern Region and chairman of the Regional Director for the regional director of the Southeastern Region and chairman of the Advisory Committee include: Mrs. Arnetta Wallace, Knoxville, Tenn., Gravely Wallace, Knoxville, Tenn., and Mrs. Laura Fife Lovelace, Cincinnati, Ohio, one time director of the Great Lakes Region; Mrs. Leonora Carrington Lane, Wilberforce, Ohio, First Anti-Basileus; Mrs. Edna Over Gray, Baltimore, Md., Supreme Basileus; and Mrs. Irma Clarke, Chicago, Ill., Supreme Ta-

A total budget of $16,500 was approved by Mrs [illegible] City; and the cam- on the cam- of Illinois. [illegible] of these [illegible] 500 was ap- ect directed by Mrs [illegible] sey Riddle, New York City; Gamma House located on the pus of the University of Illinois.

Deltas Contribute To Worthy Causes; Total Of $700

Atlanta World
Atlanta, Ga.
1-24-46

RICHMOND, Va.—Jan.—(NNPA) At its 18th annual convention, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority voted contributions of $500 to the United Negro College Fund, $100 to the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax and $100 to the National Council for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission.

Other donations made by the sorority included $100 each to the Council of African Affairs, the National Urban League, the Rosenwald Memorial College Funds, and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History.

It also paid the balance of $372.89 on its gift of $1,000 to the National Council of Negro Women.

Thirteen Win Scholarships From National Sorority

Defender
Chicago, Ill.
Sat. 1-24-46

TOLEDO, O.—Thirteen students last week won scholardship awards totaling approximately $5,000, awarded by Delta Sigma Theta sorority for the school year 1946-47.

The chairman of the sorority's scholarship board stated that of the 13 winners, 11 were members of the sorority and two were non-Deltas.

The winners were Miss Geraldine Butler and Miss Delores Baker, both 1946 graduates of Chicago Teachers College. The scholarship will enable Miss Butler to study art at the Art Institute here, while Miss Baker will study voice at the music school of Northwestern University.

Miss Orra A. Nelson of Hampton, Va., who will continue the study of medicine at Howard University; Miss Delores V. O'Connor of Baton Rouge, who will study chemistry at the University of Southern California; Miss Eula Gomez, Cleveland, to study medicine at Oberlin College;

Miss Dorothy Ann Hicks of Detroit to obtain her Ph.D. at Radcliffe; and Miss Fronzena Jackson, Kansas City, graduate study in psychiatric sociology at the University of Michigan.

Miss Rebecca Bush, Jeffersonville, Ind., to study sociology at White of Washington, D.C., for the study of instrumental music at Chicago university; Miss Janetta Oberlin; Miss Gloria Grant, Nashville, graduate study in sociology at Chicago, and Miss Doris I. May, Philadelphia, the study of law at Pennsylvania university.

The two non-Deltas awarded are Miss Barbara Stuart of Toledo, O., to study at the University of Toledo, and Miss Rosena Turner of Philadelphia to continue a pre-law course at Wilberforce University.

Delta Sorors Stress Job Opportunities for Veterans In 18th National Convention Held in Richmond

Courier Pittsburg, Pa.
1-25-46

RICHMOND, Va.—With nearly one hundred chapters represented, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority met in Richmond Dec. 27-20 for its eighteenth national convention and announced a post-war program affecting veterans, and job opportunities for Negroes. Chapters throughout the country have made plans and arrangements for the counselling of veterans, their rehabilitation and their integration into a peacetime world. The job opportunities project is a continuation of a war-time project which has worked handsomely in various sections of the country. Jobs have been created for qualified persons in places where no Negro had worked before. Clerks have been placed in courthouses, stenographers, typists have been integrated into hitherto all-white set-ups.

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PRESIDENT PRESIDES

Soror Mae Wright Downs of New Jersey, national president, presided over the four-day session, which included reports of various committees, post-war planning program, and many social activities.

Delta sorors will also add to their post-war program the continuation of the educational program which includes the traveling library project. The latter concerns the traveling bookshop which operates in the South where libraries are not available. On the job opportunities project, labor problems will also be entered into with the idea of helping to solve problems as they arise.

Child welfare and teen-age guidance will also receive the attention of the sorors in the coming months. Covering these phases and all other phases of work involving Negroes, the sorors will cooperate with other organizations having similar programs. Council on African Affairs, the National Urban League, and the Permanent FEPC will also come under this project.

A new project was introduced at the business session when cooperation with the housing authority was suggested. The importance of the latter, coupled with equal economic status for all races, covers all that is necessary to give Negroes what they need in the world set-up.

The need for intelligent cooperation with other races was stressed, and the fullest attention to the health project laid out by the infantile paralysis foundation.

Phi Delta Kappa Sorority Wants Permanent FEPC; Sigmas Map 1946 Program

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The Informer

1-12-46

Adopts Seven Resolutions

Houston, Texas

DETROIT.—(ANP) — Among the things the Phi Delta Kappa sorority wants is a permanent FEPC law.

One of the seven resolutions adopted here last week during the national boule of Phi Delta Kappa, a teacher's sorority, was the endorsement of federal and state "fair employment practices bills."

The remaining six covered opposition to disfranchisement of "any citizen of the United States;" continuation of the Office of Price administration;" the instruction of "veterans and their families of the GI bill of rights;" a letter of appreciation to President Truman on the "appointment of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt as delegate to the United Nations conference;" to disseminate the "truth about all the ethnic and religious groups represented in our body politic" and the earmarking of $100 annually to the NAACP "for the work in equalization of teachers' salaries and equal educational opportunities for Negro citizens."

Saturday

Officers elected for 1946 were Gertrude Robinson of New York City, supreme basileus; Ruby Grooms of Baltimore, first anti basileus; Larnie Williams of Birmingham, second anti basileus; Thelma Parker of Detroit, third anti basileus; Marion Bluitt of Washington, supreme grammateus; Bertha V. Waples of Woodbury, N. J., supreme tamiouches; Mattie L. Connor of Baltimore, supreme tamias; Grace Bolden of Chicago, editor-in-chief, "Krinon;" Hilda Bryant of Washington, national program director; Lillian Goings Harrison of Camden, N. J., national publicity director.

Members at large are Olivia Henry, Philadelphia; Laura Buck, Tuskegee; Thelma Powell, Chicago. Trustees elected: Gladys Nunery of Jersey City; Julia Geens of Atlanta City and Oneida Cockrell of Chicago.

Sessions Held At Grand Hotel

The Informer

1-12-46 Sat.

CHICAGO. — (ANP) — Fifteen members of the Sigma Gamma Rho sorority's executive board met in a business session at the Grand hotel here Friday to discuss plans for 1946.

HOUSTON, Texas

Included in next year's program was the continuance of the Sigma center projects and the annual literary contest, said Mrs. Ethel R. Smith, grand basileus. Since the entries in the literary contest this year totaled 500, the board decided to increase the amount of cash prizes and to make the undergraduate entries fictional and the graduate entries essay, he said.

Beside grand basileus Smith, other executive board members were Mrs. Fannie Pray Preston, Savannah, Ga.; Miss Rose Kinney, Baltimore; Miss Martha Brunett, Gary, Ind.; and Mrs. Agnes Duncan, Louisville.

Officers present were Miss Portia Bullock, Washington, D. C., grand tamiochus; Mrs. Hattie Redford, Indianapolis ,editor of the Aurora; Mrs. Rubye Watts, St. Louis, grand anti-grammateus; Mrs. Edith P. Smith, Chicago, southwestern regional syntaktes; Mrs. Scales Carter, Houston, Texas, epistoleus; Mrs. Sallie Parham, St. Louis, recorder of deeds; Mrs. Carriebell Plummer, Chicago, parliamentarian; Miss Del Gratia Scott, East St. Louis.

Zetas' "Finer Womanhood" activities begin Sunday

Los Angeles Tribune

Los Angeles, California

With Mrs. Fannie Williams, "Most Outstanding Woman of 1945", as their special guest, Xi Alpha and Beta Eta Zeta chapters of Zeta Phi Beta sorority open "Finer Womanhood Week" Sunday morning at the regular worship services at Phillips Temple CME church, 43rd and Wadsworth.

Reared in Los Angeles, Mrs. Williams attended the public schools here. She grew up in the First AME church, singing in the choir for a number of years. She still is an active member of the church.

Sat 2-16-46

She has been actively engaged in the work of the Outdoor Life and Health Association for 8 years, and is president of the Assistance League. During this time she and her group raised $12,000 for the association, culminating their drive in November, 1945, when they completely paid off the debt after raising $1,250 in their final effort.

Mrs. Williams worked ardently with the Sojourner Truth Home for years, helping to furnish and equip the home and served also as chairman of the ways and means committee.

A member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Mothers club, Mrs. Williams is also a charter member of the Old Pals club, and participated in USO work. She is active in the YWCA, having raised with three others $1,000 for the building fund.

Just recently Mrs. Williams organized the Wilfandel club to promote community work.

The Rev. Lane C. Cleaves, the pastor, will preach the "Finer Womanhood" sermon. Mrs. Hazel Guy Nixon will act as mistress of ceremonies.

During the services, Mrs. Katie Miller will give the history of the sorority, and a musical number will be rendered by Mmes. Mabel Jones, Gertrude Jones, Edna McPherson, and Doris Robinson.

Pledge services will be held during the week with all Zetas, active and inactive, participating. An essay contest, with the Zelphinians as contestants, will be held, and awards will be made for the three best.

Mrs. Williams and past honorees and mothers will also be feted during the week's festivities which will close Sunday, Feb. 24, with a reception.

The program for the two-day meeting of the Southern Region of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, which will be held at the Institute, Saturday and Sunday, April 20-21, was announced by Mrs. Laura Crayton Buck, basileus, the Upsilon Chapter, at Tuskegee. The theme for discussion is "The Teacher, A Builder of Character,' and the principal speaker will be Mrs. Gertrude M. Robinson, supreme basileus, who will fly from New York City for the occasion, Mrs. Buck stated.

President F. D. Patterson will welcome the delegates to the campus, speaking at the opening session to be held in the Peabody Room in Dorothy Hall at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning. Mrs. Larnie J. Williams, regional director, Birmingham, Alabama, will preside at the Saturday morning meeting. She will present Mary Edwards, a junior in the School of Education at Tuskegee Institute national scholarship winner; Mercia L. Polk, Mrs. Elaine Freeman Thomas and Irene Edwards, also of Tuskegee Institute, and winners of the Sorority's high scholarship awards.

Guardian Negro Thurs 4-18-46

Mrs. Mary K. Frazier will preside at the banquet Saturday at noon in Dorothy Hall and Mrs. Letitia E. Carter, Grammateus the Upsilon Chapter, Tuskegee Institute, will conduct the candle lighting service.

Mrs. Maudelle Bousfield Named to Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority

The Afro-American

Baltimore, Md.

CHICAGO (ANP)—Mrs. Maudelle B. Bousfield, principal of Wendell Phillips High School, was elected to the women's honorary society of Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority, here, recently. Formal acceptance into membership and initiation ceremonies were performed Nov. 13.

Sat. 11-23-46

Hurdles Racial Bar

Delta Kappa Gamma was organized in Texas in 1929 for the purpose of giving recognition to distinctive achievement in education. Members chapters soon sprang up in Alabama, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Missippi, New Mexico, Virginia and then Illinois.

At present, there are 617 chapters in every State in the union, with a total of 21,000 members, all of whom, with the exception of Mrs. Bousfield, are white.

Mrs. Bousfield was the first colored woman to graduate from the University of Illinois and the first colored high school principal in Chicago. Wendell Phillips has a teaching staff of 125, of whom 100 are white.

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Holds 16th Session in Ky.

The Afro-American Baltimore, Md
Sat. 9-21-46

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky.—Iota Phi Lambda Sorority held its 60th national meeting here, Aug. 24-27, at Booker Washington School with Xi Chapter, Soror Emma Taylor, president, as hostess and "Iota Phi Lambda's Role in the Futufe of Negro Youth," as its theme.

The first session was dedicated to all sorority members who gave military or civilian services during World War II. Sorors Ina McFadden, St. Louis, Wac 1st lieutenant, and Margaret Sims, Jacksonville, American Red Cross, contributed experiences. Soror Harriet West became a WAC major.

Program Participants

Educational program participants were:

Soror Susie Bronaugh as mistress of ceremonies; Soror Emma Taylor, Mrs. Mattie C. Adams, F. E. Whitney, J. H. Bronaugh; Soror Lola M. Parker, president, and Soror O. P. Williams, Atlanta, who made the principal address. Music was furnished by Sorors Mary E. Buckner, A. L. Bradley, M. S. Buckner, Hazel Darden and Margaret Sims.

Soror Parker, Chicago, stated, "It is my desire to see Iota Phi Lambda serving humanity to the utmost of its capacity in building up the race, the State and the nation." The 1947 session is scheduled for Pittsburgh, Pa.

Officers for the ensuing year are Sorors Alice P. Allen, Birmingham, president; Jeane S. Scott, Pittsburgh, 1st vice president; Mayme L. Copeland, Hopkinsville, 2nd vice president; Sarah A. Lewis, Atlanta, recording secretary; Alberta Kenney, Cleveland, corresponding secretary; Annie B. Jackson, Birmingham, treasurer; H. Corine Lowery, Denver, dean of pledges; Hazel C. Darden, Hopkinsville, director of education; Edna Kinney, New York, journalist; Ruby G. Embry, Cincinnati, Northern regional directress; Ethel G. Greene, New York, Eastern; Mabel G. Cogwell, Atlanta, Southern; Fuchsia B. Miller, Chicago, Western; Thelma Freeman, Denver, Far Western; L. Coleman-Lockhart, Dallas, Southwestern. Soror O. P. Williams who resigned as Diretcor of Education was made honorary director. Officers were installed by Soror Anna Hughes, Louisville.

Soror Cleopatra Crutcher of Lambda, Tuskegee, gave the sorority a lot in Woodlawn Park, Mich., and on the suggestion of Soror Annie B. Fields, Dallas, sorors pledged $1525 toward a building fund. Reports were heard and plans made for future activities during the sessions.

Theme Bu. World On Future (

Negro Youth

Memphis, Tenn.
Fri. 9-13-46

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. — Iota Phi Lambda Sorority in its sixteenth year, opened its national meet here August 24-27, at the Booker Washington School with Xi Chapter of which Soror Emma Taylor is president, as hostess. The convention theme was "Iota Phi Lambda's Role in the Future of Negro Youth," which was discussed at different sessions by Sorors Susie Bronaugh, "As An Educational Organization"; Ethel Cheatham, "As a Fraternal Organization"; Annie B. Fields, "As A Business Organization."

The first session was dedicated to all members of the sorority who gave military and civilian services during World War II. Sorors Ina McFadden, St. Louis, 1st Leutenant in the WAC and Margaret Sims, Jacksonville, American Red Cross, contributed experiences. Soror H. West, among the first Negro women assigned to the WAAC, became the first major.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

The educational program on Sunday afternoon, Soror Susie Bronaugh as Mistress of Ceremonies, gave welcome addresses from Major F. Ernest Lackey, for the city; Soror Emma Taylor, for the local chapter; Mrs. Mattie C. Adams, Lomepa Club; Mr. F. B. Whitney, Alpha Kappa Alpha and Alpha Phi Alpha; Prof. J. H. Bronough,.. Whoope.. Club,.. to which Soror Lola M. Parker, the president, responded. Soror O. P. Williams, Atlanto, made the principal address from the subject "God and Our Job." Music for the occasion was furnished by Sorors Mary E. Buckner, A. L. Bradley, M. S. Buckner, Hazel Darden and Margaret Sims.

Memorial services were held for sorors who had transferred to Omega chapter during the year. Soror Margaret Fleming, Akron, sang "Love Ye the Lord."

In sessions that followed reports were heard and plans made for future activities. The founder and president, Soror Lola M. Parker, Chicago, in her address stated "It is my hope and desire to see Iota Phi Lambda serving humanity to the utmost of its capacity in building up the race, the state and the nation." To the regret of all, she resigned the presidency and was named president emeritus by the body.

NEW OFFICERS

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On the social calendar were a barbecue at Soror Taylor's farm, an informal reception at the well-appointed home of Soror Mayme Copeland, a garden party with the Whoopee Club entertaining and a Souvenir Party with the Alpha Phi Alpha and Alpha Kappa Alpha as host and hostess.

Women from every business field of endeavor were introduced at the get-acquainted session including secretaries, bookkeepers and accountants, morticians, dental hygienists, teachers, beauticians, interior decorators, musicians, bank cashiers, registrars and social workers. 9-13-46

The 1947 session is scheduled for Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

250 Register for 17th Annual Boule of Sigma Gamma Rho at YWCA

The Afro-American Baltimore, Md.

Sat. 8-31-46

BALTIMORE

Answering the call to its 17th annual boule, the first in peace time, some 250 delegates of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, from all sections of the country, registered Thursday at the YWCA where the sessions are being held.

The board meeting held at 10 a.m. was followed by a luncheon at which Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority was hostess. Registration and a public meeting was held at 8 p.m. when Soror Elizabeth E. Lemon, USO Center director in Charlestown, S.C., addressed the group.

Liberal Education Need

Speaking on the boule theme, "Future Educational Trends of Youth," Miss Lemon cited the need for a liberal education in which moral values were stressed along with academic achievements.

She said, "Education must produce an honest man capable of facing the challenge of an atomic background."

Enumerating a number of experiments that had been made throughout the country to combat juvenile delinquency, she avowed that an effective reduction of misguided behavior could be made by providing purposeful activities for youth.

To improve the general educational status, Miss Lemon said, standards of secondary and higher institutions of learning must be raised and the whole problem approached with humility and tolerance.

Mayor Extends Welcome

Soror Rose Kenney of Alpha Alpha Sigma Chapter, chairman of the meeting, presided. Greetings and a welcome to Baltimore were extended by Mayor Theodore McKeldin.

Others on the program were Soror Mary Griffin, basileus of the host chapter; Soror Ethel R. Smith, grand basileus and Soror Emily Cralle, boule committee chairman; and Sorors Fannie P. Preston, who offered a piano solo, and Inettie Banks, pianist.

The invocation and benediction were by the Rev. Harrison J. Bryant, pastor, St. John AME Church. Greetings were extended the guests from local sororities and fraternities. An informal party in charge of Mrs. Mae K. Fowlkes followed the meeting.

Friday Schedule

A business session was held Friday, when the roll call, committee appointments and reading of the constitution were items of consideration. Soror Ethel Smith presided.

Soror Alta Benning, first anti-grand basileus, presided.

Soror Lena Lee of the host chapter, presided at the panel discussion on the boule theme. Members were Sorors Mary Lattimore, Phi Sigma; Agnes Duncan, Pi Sigma; Mary Kellis, Alpha Epsilon Sigma; and Eleanor Bell, Epsilon Sigma.

Social Activities

A semi-formal reception was held Friday night at the YWCA, and a cocktail party at Gamby's.

Saturday's sessions included a 9 a.m. business meeting with Soror Minerva Jones in charge; a memorial service, committee reports and election of officers.

Concluding Events

A board meeting of the Post Boule, garden party, given jointly at Madison Street Presbyterian Church by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and banquet at Masonic Temple, with Soror Mary Griffin as mistress of ceremonies, a picnic at Elktonia Beach, concluded the session.

A banquet will be held at 9 p.m. at Masonic Temple, 1431 McCulloh St., with Soror Mary Griffin as mistress of ceremonies. The boule closes Sunday with a picnic at Elktonia Beach.

Head Soror Speaks

The Afro-American Baltimore, Md.

Sat. 11-16-46

MRS. ETHEL R. SMITH, of Chicago, Ill., grand basileus of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, who flew to Wilmington, Del., last week to address a two-day conference of the organization. She was the house-guest of Mrs. Maggie Doyley of 918 French St., Wilmington.

Ban on Religious Bias Gives Hunter College Sorority Jitters

Afro American Sat 5-11-46

Baltimore, Md.

NEW YORK—(ANP)—The recent action of Alpha Xi Delta, national college sorority, which placed its University of Vermont chapter on probation because of the pledging of Miss Crystal Malone, is proving perplexing to members of tax-supported Hunter College chapter.

Members are wondering if a biased social organization has any place at a school which forbids discrimination.

The local group has made no move to sever itself from the national body, and therefore is said to be in conflict with the by-laws of the board of higher education, governing body for the four city colleges of New York.

A clause in the by-laws states that "no group with a program against religion in general or against religion of a particular group of any race shall be permitted to organize" on the city college campuses.

Board Perplexed

When this was brought to the attention of Hunter and board officials, a spokesman for the board observed: "Frankly, I don't know what the next step is . Nothing like this has ever come up."

One of the deans at Hunter, seemingly unaware of the full extent of the by-law, said: "Clubs and societies are not permitted to discriminate on the basis of religion, but nothing has been said about race." Sat 5-11-46

Several Alpha Xi members reportedly have said that a poll of active chapters and alumnae groups, following the pledging of Miss Malone, resulted in incorporation of a ban on colored into the national constitution. Mrs. Beverly Robinson of Washington, D.C., national president, is making "no comment" and the attorney designated by her. David Embury, is not discussing the issue although earlier he said the sorority did not "welcome" colored members.

Roy Wilkins, of the NAACP, has written Mrs. Robinson urging that the punitive measure against the University of Vermont be rescinded. He said further: "It is squarely up to the board of higher education to see that its by-laws are enforced in the Hunter College Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta."

Dr. Henrietta Tichy, faculty adviser to Hunter's Pan Hellenic group, ruling body for fraternity activities and herself a member of Alpha Xi Delta, expresed her disapproval of the sorority's stand as early as February when she warned that "closing our circle to a chosen girl because of race" leads to ghettos and concentration camps, war and hideous ravages of war, hatred and chaos.

Chapter Split

Sat 5-11-46

Frances Anderson, president of the Hunter College Chapter, said last week that the new eligibility rules are "just against colored members." The chapter's 15 members are said to be split on this.

Commenting on the sorority's stand, Miss Anderson declared other national sororities have the same ruling. "It's just our unfortunate position that we haven't had it in our constitution before."

The New York City alumnae group, whose president is half-Japanese, voted against the amendment, but her vote apparently had little weight. The sorority's greatest strength is said to be in the Middle West, and many of the 54 chapters are in the South.

SORORITY FIGHT

Sirs: Life

. . . I just boiled over when I read "Sorority Fight" (LIFE, May 20), which told of a Negro's admission to a sorority in University of Vermont. Imagine! *Miss* Crystal Malone! . . .

Just try to be contented with what you have up there and don't envy us because we know we are superior.

6-10-46 mon. MRS. W. M. BEARD

Baton Rouge, La.

Sirs: Chicago, Ill.

. . . Orchids to Mrs. Robinson and the national headquarters of Alpha Xi Delta. . . .

W. H. FULLER JR.

Atlanta, Ga. Life

Sirs:

. . . Weeds to their national president, Mrs. Beverly Robinson . . . .

6-10-46 NORRIS CHAPMAN

Iowa State College

Ames, Iowa Chicago, Ill.

Sirs:

Orchids to Vermont chapter of Alpha Xi Delta for its New England grit.

F. E. WALKER

Rochester, N.Y.

Sirs:

. . . These girls apparently believe that selectivity should be based on individual worth and achievement, while Alpha Xi Delta's President Robinson leans toward social snobbery and racial prejudice. . . .

WOODIE L. TUCKER

University of Virginia

Charlottesville, Va.

"We Don't Try to Be Different"

Time

The lady who is national president of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, which has 19,000 members in 60 U.S. colleges, summed it up this way: "Life is selective, and maybe it's just as well to learn it while we are young." Last week Crystal Malone, 19, an Alpha Xi "pledge" at the University of Vermont, was learning. Crystal is a Negro. 5-6-46

Crystal, a junior class student from Washington, D.C., was pledged to Alpha Xi last October; after national headquarters found it out, the Vermont chapter was placed on probation. Said Chapter President Patricia Pringle, last week, standing pat: "The members have no intention of revoking the original pledge. The girls are proud to be sorority sisters of Miss Malone." The Burlington *Daily News* acclaimed the girls as "heroines of peace."

Replied Alpha Xi Delta's national president, Mrs. Beverly Robinson, a Washington clubwoman: ". . . I'm sorry this happened both for [Crystal's] sake and for ours. But I expect the girls up there thought she was an exotic and interesting person—the way you would think of someone from a foreign country. . . . When other fraternities decide to [admit Negroes] we probably will too. We don't try to be different." Her advice to the Vermont chapter: they should have told Crystal to form a Negro sorority. At Vermont this would have to be a one-woman club.

Chicago, Ill.

Last week N.Y.U. named its first full-time Negro professor: Dr. Ira DeAugustine Reid, 45, able chairman of Atlanta University's sociology department. His new one-year post: "visiting professor of Negro culture and education."

Southern-born Ira Reid went to Atlanta's Morehouse College, did graduate work at the London School of Economics, took a Ph.D. at Columbia. Says he: "There will be 6 ft. 4 of the Negro problem standing up before the students. I do not need to discuss it separately."

"The Sisterhood of Women?"

Sirs: Time - 6-3-46

The Symphony of Alpha Xi Delta [whose University of Vermont chapter was suspended by the national organization for pledging Negro Crystal Malone—TIME, May 6], which is the public avowal of the sorority's purpose . . . reads thus:

"These things do we earnestly desire:

"A clear vision of life, that with gracious and kindly hearts we may share both joy and sorrow and bring into living reality the sisterhood of women. monday

"An appreciation of real merit and worth, steadfastness of soul. Chicago, Ill.

I would like TIME readers to know that there were at least a few dissenters to the action taken by the national chapter. . . .

I believe that we have taken an enormous step backward in bringing "into reality the sisterhood of women." Either we should live up to our aims or we should make no pretenses of having them. Perhaps we have been lacking in "a clear vision of life" and "an appreciation of real merit and worth. . . ."

It seems to me that we have been lacking in courage, have been less than gracious, and for at least some of us there is little peace in our hearts.

egro Pledgee

PLEDGED TO WHITE SORORITY...WAR STARTS—Miss Crystal Malone, only Negro co-ed at the University of Vermont, was suddenly pushed into the national spotlight last week when it became known that the national chapter of the Alpha Xi Delta Sorority placed the local chapter on a one-year probation period for "insurbordination" after her pledge for membership was accepted. Miss Malone finds it comforting to know that her sorority members are standing fast on refusing to break her pledge. She is the daughter of a prominent Washington, D. C. school principal.—Detore Photo.

Quit Race Bans From Sororities At U. Of Vermont

BURLINGTON, Vt.—Eight sororities at the University of Vermont have voted unanimously against racial or religious discrimination in "rushing" on the campus.

This move follows the withdrawal of Alpha Xi Delta from rushing this quarter, until the question of policy, which has arisen with the national Alpha Xi Delta Sorority on discrimination, is settled. Controversy over whether Alpha Xis may accept Negro girls for membership has flared up, not on the UVM campus, but in national sorority circles.

Definite change in sorority politics at UVM was foreseen this week with rushing free of rules which separate Jewish and Gentile girls in sorority life. Open houses and informal parties, the latter on invitation, have been open to all religious sects.

Agreeing to open rushing and pledging are: Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Xi Delta, Alpha Epsilon Phi, Delta Phi Epsilon, Delta Delta Delta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Pi Beta Phi and Sigma Gamma.

Greek Letter Groups Fear Reaction To U. Of Vt. Bias Case

BURLINGTON, Vt. — New impetus was given to the drive against Greek letter campus societies this week as the Alpha Xi Delta, national white sorority, stuck to its decision to penalize its University of Vermont chapter for pledging a Negro girl.

Sorority and fraternity circles which have long been attacked as undemocratic, fear that the Vermont university issue will provide new ammunition to the opposition.

Meanwhile, the Pan-Hellenic, which sets the standards for all national fraternities and sororities, disclaims any knowledge of the case.

Defy National Body

The issue arose when the Alpha Xi Delta, national sorority on the Vermont campus, pledged Crystal Malone, Negro student from Washington.

When the national body learned of Miss Malone's pledge, orders were sent out to "break it." The new pledgee offered to resign, but her would-be sorority sisters insisted that a matter of principle was involved and that they would "stick by their guns."

The university has maintained a "hands off" policy. Dean Simpson admitted that she admires the Alpha Xi stand, but can "see the implications from the national point of view."

Dean Stands Neutral

Any form of discrimination, she stated, is "un-American, undemocratic and un-Christian." Officially, however, the dean is reported to have taken no sides.

David Embury, New York Wall Street lawyer, and sorority spokesman, stated that it was not "a matter of particular concern to the public at large" whether the sorority accepts Negro members or not.

Eligibility, he declared, might be based "on scholarship, or the rules might say that only blonde girls who do not wear glasses can be admitted."

Blames 'Agitators'

Asked why the sorority does not admit it refuses to accept Negro members, he said:

"At the present time, there is a great deal of agitation of two kinds. In the first place, there are the fair employment practices in the commercial field.

"Then there are certain agitators who are trying to carry them over to other fields." He expressed belief that the Vermont incident fall into the latter category.

Afraid of South?

SORORITY 'EXPLAINS' POSITION

WASHINGTON, D. C.—In an insipid effort to defend their obviously prejudiced action in placing the University of Vermont chapter of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority on probation for a year because they pledged Miss Crystal Malone, a colored student, the group's national president, Mrs. Beverley Robinson, "explained" their position here last week.

Mrs. Robinson declared that the chapter at Vermont was placed on probation because—among other things—it failed to supply "certain information" about the pledging of Miss Malone.

"MOST UNFORTUNATE"

While Mrs. Robinson was not willing to give an answer on whether or not there is any clause concerning race in its membership rules, she did say that "the situation is most unfortunate. We have so many Southern chapters, you know"

It is quite probable that Alpha Xi Delta's parent body's stand on this issue may put many of the other national Greek letter societies which virtually avoid Negro members, on the spot.

SORORITY'S LAWYER SPEAKS

Upon being questioned further, Mrs. Robinson referred interviewers to David Embury, a Wall Street lawyer, declaring that he was the sorority's official spokesman.

When contacted, Attorney Embury said that it was "not a matter of particular concern to the public at large" whether Alpha Xi Delta accepts Negro members or not. Eligibility, he declared, might be based "on scholarship or the rules might say only blonde girls who do not wear glasses can be admitted."

Asked why the sorority does not admit that it refused to accept Negro members, Embury asked:

"Shall I answer that bluntly?" and stated, "At the present time there is a great deal of agitation of two kinds. In the first place there are the fair employment practices in the commercial field. But there are certain agitators who are trying to carry them over to other fields."

He expressed the belief that the Vermont incident falls into the latter category.

Critique of Fraternity System

The controversy regarding the acceptance of a Negro girl as a pledge by the University of Vermont Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority should perhaps cause us to consider several facts concerning the structure of social fraternities and what they are doing.

The bases for selection of pledges by the greater number of fraternities include the personal attractiveness of the candidate; the socio-economic background from which he comes; his scholastic record, for every fraternity chapter must maintain a certain over-all scholastic average to remain in existence, and, finally, his racial heritage, usually quite thoroughly investigated.

Therefore the fraternity, the basic element of the social and political activity of a vast number of American colleges, divides the student body in a sort of class ssytem, a division dependent upon wealth, social status and race, the very factors which will, as long as they are perpetuated as barriers among men, prevent the consummation of the ideal of liberty through democracy.

Whether these principles of discrimination obtain outside of fraternity activities themselves depends both on campus customs and on the degree to which fraternity members choose to consider themselves to be exclusive. In its most vicious form, the system carries over to the personal life of a member to the degree that he is not permitted to choose friends outside his own and certain other specified fraternities.

The natural consequence, that every mmeber of the clique loses individuality to such an extent that his pin is no longer necessary for fraternity identification, is lost on fellow students who feel that to be so exclusive is an indication of all sorts of desirable characteristics. A mystic quality, injected through secret initiation, has combined with the prestige of exclusiveness to attract thousands of college students to membership.

Reaction against the system has taken several courses. One, by those who resented or were excluded under the regulations in regard to race or religion, has resulted in the formation of nonsectarian fraternities; another, in the organization of independent leagues for social and political action, with open membership and few confining regulations. This group is, of course, snubbed by the fraternity because of the number of rejected aspirers to fraternity membership which comprise it, and therefore has in many cases very little influence in student activities.

The type of reaction to the fraternity system which is perhaps most promising so long as the system is permitted to rule campus life is the revolt from within; local ternities are organized chapters deliberately breaking regulations in regard to membership qualifications, of which the Vermont story is but one example. This takes courage, for the possible results include not only loss of local prestige, but also banish-

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Below against the wall which
set up against himself.
MARY R. EVANS.
Arlington, Va.

SORORS STAND PAT—Members of the local chapter of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority are shown in one of the conference rooms in the Administration Building of Vermont discussing the next step in their fight against the national chapter to maintain the membership of pretty Crystal Malone, only Negro co-ed at the university. Miss Malone, seated in chair by the window, listens attentively.—Detore Photo.

Will Not Rescind Action in Pledging Colored Student

By EVALYN COPPOC, Staff Correspondent

BURLINGTON, Vt.—Courageously defying opposition from the national Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, the local chapter here at the 155-year-old University of Vermont maintained its firm stand in the pledging of attractive Crystal Malone, young Negro student.

The local chapter's refusal to rescind its action, despite persistent pressure from the parent body, was revealed in a statement issued by Patricia Pringle, president of the University of Vermont unit. Acting as spokesman for the sorority's eighteen members, Miss Pringle said.

"We were unanimous in pledging Crystal and we are still unanimous in believing we were right."

Miss Malone is the only Negro coed at the university.

SILENCE BROKEN

Miss Pringle's statement was made in a wire to The Pittsburgh Courier early Friday, shortly after the national chapter lifted a ban of silence previously imposed on the UV unit. Chapter members had been forbidden to make any statements when reports of the flare-up over the pledging of the 19-year-old Washington student attracted news representatives from all over the country, and after several of the sorority members voluntarily spoke in support of the popular pledgee.

Expressions of sincere admiration for the vivacious young co-ed were voluntarily given by both male and female students. They also volunteered firm backing of the local chapter's stand on its pledging.

CHARACTER PRAISED

Miss Mary Jean Simpson, dean of women, described Miss Malone as "an extremely popular student of fine character," and expressed regret that the student had to be "singled out." Since the university has maintained a hands-off attitude, Dean Simpson is officially kept out of the matter. She said her statement scoring discriminatory practices, made earlier in the week, were her viewpoints as president of the Council of Church Women.

STUDENT PAPER COMMENTS

Reports of the national chapter's attitude was first made public on Jan. 25, when The Cynic, student newspaper, announced that the sorority had "withdrawn from rushing" since a "question of policy has arisen as to whether the National Alpha Xi Delta will accept Negro membership." UV sorority members have not decided what course they will take, but said that they have two alternatives: Yielding their charter and withdrawing as a unit from the national sorority or remaining with the hope of getting back in good standing. Pan-Hellenic, which sets the standards for all national sororities, have made no comment, although action from them is expected.

OFFERS TO RESIGN

Miss Malone offered to resign when the matter first came to light but fellow students have advised her to refrain from doing so because of the principle involved. Bewildered by the whole thing and showing no signs of nervous strain from many interviews and much photographing by news representatives, the personable young student said that her offer to withdraw her pledge was given because she did not wish to embarrass her sorority. She expressed appreciation to the students for the stand they have taken.

CITIZENS QUIZZED

Numerous queries made in the city and on the university campus revealed that citizens of Burlington and students endorse the chapter's refusal to alter their previous stand in the pledging of the prominent D. C. co-ed.

"I think that it is the local chapter's privilege to accept whom they want as a member," said Judge J. H. Macomber, senior member of the Macomber law firm. The prominent jurist expressed the feeling, however, that the whole thing should be thrashed out between the parent body and the local chapter.

WOULD PENALIZE PARENT BODY

Paul King, pharmaceutical dealer thinks that the national chapter should be penalized for its actions. "They could probably get away with a thing like this down South but not here," he declared.

Atty. Louis Lisman's feeling was one of regret that such a matter should arise, and admitted that the whole thing came as a surprise to him. Mr. Lisman is attorney for the university and president of the local branch of the American Civil Liberties Union.

IS SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S DAUGHTER

The student is the daughter of Mrs. L. S. Malone, principal of Stevens Elementary School in Washington, D. C. A graduate of the Dunbar High School of that city, she has been studying at the University of Vermont for the past three years. She is athletically inclined and participates in many sports. An excellent dancer, Miss Malone has taken part in many campus shows and attends a class in modern dancing at the university. She lives at Redstone Dormitory where she occupies a single room.

Miss Malone hopes to receive a degree in business administration and obtain a position with a well known organization. She likes it here at the university and said her opinion of UV remains unchanged. She resides with her mother in the Howard Manor Apartment at 654 Girard Street, Northwest, when in Washington.

UNBIASED SORORITY CHAPTER

To the Editor:

Last week several newspapers carried the story about a colored girl, Miss Crystal Malone, and the trouble caused by her being pledged by the Alpha Xi Delta Chapter at the University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt. Because this chapter had taken this unprecedented action it was suspended by the national organization for one year with the understanding that it would be reinstated if the action is rescinded. From all reports, the chapter is refusing to comply with this suggestion and continues to insist it is proud of Miss Malone.

As a member of a different chapter of the same national sorority (which has a total of about 145 chapters with 20,000 members), I tried to get in touch with our national president, Mrs. Beverly Robinson, when I was in Washington last week, to verify this story but she was "not available."

I wish to state, however, that I am proud of the stand the Vermont group has taken. Intelligently, they are not allowing color to blind their perception of the superior qualities of ability, charter and personality, which Miss Malone undoubtedly possesses.

You may have read earlier this week that the senior class of the New Britain High School (Conn.) voted to refuse to accept the DAR Award annually presented to a girl for her outstanding citizenship. The students took the position that the DAR itself was failing to set a good example by showing racial discrimination in refusing Marian Anderson and Hazel Scott use of Constitution Hall on the same terms as those offered to white artists.

It looks very much as though hope for a real American democracy lies with our youth today rather than white adults.

ESTHER S. CATE
Wallingford, Conn.

Washington U. Co-ed Quits Sorority

ST. LOUIS—Charging Alpha Xi Delta Sorority with racial and religious discrimination in suspending the pledging activities of the University of Vermont Chapter for pledging Miss Crystal Malone, Miss Mary (Toni) Rieser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester C. Rieser, 3435 Hakthorne Boulevard, last week resigned from the Washington University Chapter. Two other co-ed members also dissented against the local chapter's endorsement of Alpha Xi's amendment to the national constitution limiting membership to "white Americans," but did not resign.

Action of Sorority Chapter in Vermont Upholds Traditions—Harvard Scientist

By A. RITCHIE LOWE

BURLINGTON, Vt.—The University of Vermont whose chapter of Alpha Di Delta Sorority has been in the news because it invited a colored girl, Miss Crystal Malone, to become a member, continues to occupy the spotlight in the field of race relations.

The other day, one of Harvard's famed scientists, Dr. Harlow Shapeley, head of the Harvard Observatory in Cambridge, Mass., in town to install a chapter of Sigma Xi, national science honor society, was asked what he thought of the whole affair.

Did he line up with the 18 university girls or did he consider this

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as placed on the Burlington Daily paper that has in combatting prejudice but throughout

Results Seen

ly working our things," said entist, admitting y solution where

the action taken by the national officers of Alpha Di Delta sorority during the war years.

Correct Scientifically

"Science knows no color line," said Dr. Shapeley. "Science accepts and judges individuals on the basis of their ability and character.

"The action of the Alpha Di Delta Sorority at the University of Vermont in inviting Miss Malone to become a member is in line with the Astronomical Society and Science Clubs, Dr. Shapeley has made three trips to Europe and American democracy."

Statement Published

His statement was placed on the front page of the Burlington Daily News, an evening paper that has been writing me about the fact that there are so few colored people in the State. I gather from their letters that a hundred.

Vermont's Position

While the metropolitan press has had much to say about this issue, Vermont newspapers have carried very little about it.

The reason is not that the Green Mountain dailies are spineless, nor that they are under obligation to interests either inside or outside the State.

Rather, I should say, the absence of this University of Vermont story in the State press is due to the fact that there are so few colored people in the State. There are actually fewer than four

Complete Backing

Some of my friends in Harlem have been writing me about the University of Vermont situation. Washington

Gradual Results

"We're gradually through these

Also president of the American Astronomical Society and Science Also, Dr. Shapeley has made no Vermont students have been giving Crystal Malone the cold shoulder, whereas exactly the opposite

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Upwards of 75 members of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, embracing over 25 chapters scattered over Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, which represents the Southeastern Region of the sorority, will gather in Atlanta next Friday and Saturday, November 29 and 30, for a two-day conference in which current problems of organization, community and social action will be discussed. The genral theme of the weekend Regional will be "Woman's Role as a Stabilizing Influence in the Postwar World."

Except for the mass-meeting which will be held in the Davage Auditorium of Clark College on Friday evening, November 29th, at 8 p. m., all other sessions will be held at the Service Men's Center 1000 Hunter St.

Soror Dr. Stella Brewer Brooks Chairman of the Department of English, Clark College, will deliver the keynote address Friday evening, when she will speak on the subject: 'Woman's Position as a Stabilizer in This World of Unrest" Soror Christine Lewis Cooper Basileus of Epsilon Zata chapter of the sorority, will introduce the speaker. The newly organized Zeta Chorus will render musical selections. Greetings will be brought from the Pan-Hellenic Council and from Prof. C. L. Harper, President of the Atlanta chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

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Registration will begin Friday afternoon at 1 p. m. at the Service Men's Center. At 3 p. m. Friday afternoon, the opening session will be presided over by Soror Sadie Mae Watson, Regional Director. At this time important committees will be formed, in which smaller discussion groups will divide for the purpose of discussing problem listed above.

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